

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held August 23, _____ 2023

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Trustees, David Bruning and Richard Rahe were present. Also present were Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, and Fire Chief, Duane Martin. Guests included, Dalton Landers, Nick Walby and Chris Bachmayer of Rudolph Libbe, Inc. Kent Schuerman called the meeting to order.

Dalton Landers began with a review of the construction schedule. He explained that the building is near completion. A meeting was set for the final walk through on August 30, 2023 at 7:00 A.M. As of August 31, 2023, the Township will take partial possession until all inspections are passed.

Trustee Rahe stated that as of August 31, 2023 the township office/maintenance building property address is 525 East Front Street, Pemberville, OH 43450. The tax mailing address will remain P.O. Box 796, Pemberville, OH 43450.

Nick Walby explained the cost to fix the undercut issue with the drive. The Board agreed to split the total cost of the undercut project. The total cost was \$7,452.00. The township will pay \$3,726.00.

Nick Walby offered to purchase/provide ice dam prevention products but the township will need to install. The board agreed.

Trustee Rahe suggested that the township hold an open house on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 1 – 4 P.M.

There being no further discussion of the Office/Maintenance Building, Trustee Rahe left the meeting. The Board began the regular business meeting.

Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.

Bills and Payroll were presented. *A motion to accept the bills and payroll was made by Mr. Bruning, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.*

Receipts were presented. *A motion to accept the receipts was made by Mr. Bruning, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.*

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed. The July bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

FIRE – Chief Martin submitted an employment application from Joshua Appelhans. After review, *Trustee Bruning moved to accept the application for employment at the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department. Trustee Schuerman seconded, all yes, motion carried.*

ROADS –Mr. Rentz will drag and seed the mound and front yard of the building.

Julie presented a mailing regarding a Ford Safety Re-Call. Bob will take care of it. Wood County Engineer contacted the township about pavement striping. The Board does not want to use the service. OPWC Issue One applications are due on September 8, 2023. Kent will check with Jason Sisco to be sure he has all the information he needs for the application.

OLD BUSINESS - Trustee Schuerman continued discussion of the sale of the old township building and garage at 198 Water Street. He would like to start that process as soon as possible. Mr. Rentz informed the Board that Eric Campbell from the Village of Pemberville informed him that the parcel of property on which the garage sits is actually owned by the village. Julie will contact Attorney, Joyce Nowak, to see how to proceed.

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NEW BUSINESS – The Northwest Water & Sewer District submitted an election form for the township to fill out. Also, Mrs. Getz presented a communication from the Ohio Township Association encouraging townships to set up meetings with the Legislators to talk about local concerns. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS – Julie shared miscellaneous communications and information directed to the township. Rick and Julie will attend the upcoming WCTA meeting to be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Pemberville American Legion. Remaining specific communications can be found in the Fiscal Officer’s meeting notes.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer