

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held September 13, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Trustees, Kent Schuerman, David Bruning and Richard Rahe were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, and Fire Chief, Duane Martin.

Kent Schuerman called the meeting to order. *Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Bruning, all yes, motion carried.*

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

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

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed. The Board discussed the investments and Debt Retirement Fund.

FIRE – Julie reminded the board that the contract for the Perry ProTech copier at the fire station will done on January 11, 2024. She would like to replace the copy machine with an Epson EcoTank printer/copier/scanner, believing that the township will save a lot of money over the course of 5 years as opposed to renewing the contract with Perry ProTech. The township will have to pay to ship the copier back to the leasing agency, GreatAmerica Financing. *Trustee Rahe moved to purchase an Epson EcoTank for \$550.00. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Chief Martin reported that the building passed radio inspection for the fire department. He commented that the radio test for the police department did not pass since they do not use the MARCS system. Duane will look getting vehicle repeaters which he believes will work for our purposes.

Mr. Martin indicated that some of the MARCS radios are old enough that they are becoming obsolete. He suggested that the department will need 5 new ones and possibly get 2 extra radios. He believes the cost will be \$1,500.00 each. He will look into it further and report at the next meeting.

Chief also reported that P.F.F.D. took the air trailer to a fire in Lake Township and they could not fill Perrysburg Township's MSA without and adaptor.

Julie reported that there is no news on the Direct Deposit issue. Duane is still working on finding out if the township can be reimbursed the cost of containment pools and related equipment.

Chief Martin requested a new fire helmet for Mike Vajen at a cost of \$550.00. The Board approved the purchase.

The department will have some representatives at the open house along with some fire apparatus.

ROADS –Mr. Rentz got some quotes for new cemetery mowers for next year. KFG will give the township the same pricing as 2020 if ordered soon. We can trade in both mowers and get 2 for \$3,400.00 or stick with a single trade-in and get a new one for \$1,700.00. The Board decided to continue on the same program and trade in 1 mower.

Bob reported that he found someone in Kansas, Ohio who sells bowling alley flooring. He would like to get a 42" x 16" piece of flooring to use as a work bench. The Board approved the purchase.

Mr. Rentz asked if Jason Young can weed eat on Sundays. The Board approved Jason Young to weed eat at the cemeteries on Sunday afternoons.

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OLD BUSINESS – The Board discussed the plans for the Open House for the new building. They also talked about the Salt Building. Mr. Rahe would like to get plans in place so the building can be built next year.

The Board discussed the property issues relating to the water street property. Julie work in getting further information from the Village of Pemberville regarding Parcel No. D16-512-100223002000 which, according to the Wood County Auditor, is still owned by the Village. We will need to get to the bottom of who owns the property since the garage was built on that property by the township.

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 the Ohio Township Association’s Legislative Alerts and some mail communications. She also reported that she received a debit card in the mail in settlement of Ohio Electricity Litigation Case No. 2:20-CV-37551.09. She will try to get them to send a check instead.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer