

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held October 11, 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. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Rahe, 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.

Julie presented an Amended Permanent Appropriations to the Board. The Revenue Budget increased due to additional funds received by through interest on the Permanent Improvement Fund. Also, an Ambulance Transportation Program Grant, through additional ARPA funding, was granted to the township and increased revenue by \$20,015.00. *Trustee Bruning moved to amend the 2023 Permanent Appropriations to include increased revenue to the Permanent Improvement Fund (4301) of interest on the account bringing the total of appropriations to \$1,220,421.83, and to include revenue received by ARPA funding for an Ambulance Transportation Program Grant of \$20,000.00 and including anticipated interest of \$15.00. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

FIRE – Chief Martin reported that the state has opened a Fire Marshal’s Grant for MARCS Radios. The current price per radio is \$1,857.40. Also, Travis Stoudinger applied for a grant through the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Association and received \$7,500.00. The Association plans to use the money for either an ATV or safety equipment.

He also reported that all of the air bottles are scheduled to get new valves. Additionally, the SCBAs purchased with the FEMA grant will be incorporated at tonight’s chief’s meeting at the station. The new equipment includes 29 packs and 58 bottles. He will look into options for getting rid of the old ones.

Duane informed the Board that September’s schedule of supplemental on-call left 3 shifts unfilled and only 11 shifts had more than 2 persons on the calendar. (The current schedule allows up to 4 supplemental on-call spots per shift.) He suggested that they consider reducing the positions to 2 and paying more per shift. No decision was made.

Chief Martin presented his calculations for the Premium Pay of the department employees making EMS runs in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The calculations were approved by the Board. Julie will distribute the checks for the Ambulance Transportation Program Grant Premium Pay at the next meeting.

Duane discussed information from EMA about the upcoming solar eclipse anticipated on April 8, 2024. He believes the MARCS Radios will work but cell phone towers may be overwhelmed by the increased usage. May need to increase staffing around April 8.

ROADS –Mr. Rentz reported that the fuel tank has been moved to the new maintenance building. It is hooked up to a breaker so it can be disabled when not in use by an authorized user. Bob also reported that the new tractor uses a lot of DEF. The Board discussed purchasing a 50-gallon barrel so that it would be cheaper. He will contact Countyline Co-Op for pricing.

CEMETERIES – There are orders for 10 foundations to be poured, some in each of the 3 cemeteries, in the month of October. Also, Jacob Hostottle will be weed eating one more time at all 3 cemeteries.

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There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer