

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held February 28,

20 2024

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Trustees, David Bruning, Richard Rahe and Kent Schuerman were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Fire Chief, Duane Martin along with Assistant Chief, Andy Sergeant and Zoning Consultant, Brooke Hahn. Also present was guest, Jimmy Holmgren with The Garland Company, Inc.

Chairman, David Bruning called the meeting to order.

*Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.*

*Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 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. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.*

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

**FUND REPORTS** – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

**FIRE – Old Business - Guest** – FIRE STATION ROOF REPLACEMENT - Mr. Holmgren performed an inspection of the fire station roof. He came before the board to present his report and observations. He also explained to the board how his company can benefit the township in the process of bidding out a new roof on the fire station. The Garland Company will do any and all preliminary work to prepare for and complete the bid process for the township with no obligation to use any of the bids received. He also recommended that the township pay Buckeye Thermal Imaging to perform an infrared scan of the flat roof in preparation for the bid on replacing the roof. Mr. Schuerman expressed concern that the roof needs to go up and over the sides of the roof line. *Trustee Schuerman moved to hire Buckeye Thermal Imaging to evaluate the roof insulation by doing a thermal scan of the flat roof in accordance with their submitted quote in the amount of \$970.00. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

The board reviewed quotes submitted by Technique Roofing Systems, LLC, 5 Star Commercial Roofing, Inc. and Damschroder Roofing, Inc. The matter was tabled.

**WEBSTER TOWNSHIP FIRE AND EMS AGREEMENT** - The board reviewed the 2024 – 2026 Fire Protection and Emergency Services Agreement with Webster Township. *Trustee Schuerman moved to approve the contract as written and approved by Wood County Prosecutor, Paul Dobson, on February 12, 2024 for the term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion.*

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Bruning YES; Trustee Rahe YES; Trustee Schuerman YES; motion carried.

**New Business** – FIRE STATION PROPERTY USE REQUEST - The board approved a property use request for the use of the fire station by Evan or Autumn Deniston on March 23, 2024.

**CINTAS SERVICES** - Ms. Getz reported that she has been in contact with Cintas and received a better price for mat cleaning and maintenance along with new mats for the station.

**SHIRT ORDER** - Crystal Hubbs ordered a new ¾ zip shirt with the department logo from Ortinau Art. The Board approved the purchase.

**CADET APPLICATION** - Chief Martin submitted a Cadet Application from Jamison King who is currently in the Penta Fire Program. *Trustee Rahe moved that Mr. King be admitted to the*

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*Pemberville Freedom Fire Department as a Cadet. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

INACTIVE EMPLOYEE - Chief Martin reported that he was informed by the division of EMS that Dean Schuerman's card is expired and he can no longer respond to fire and/or EMS runs and is now considered inactive.

**ROADS – Old Business** – TRACTOR LOADER - Mr. Schuerman reported that there is no word from Ag Pro about the issue with the oversized loader for the tractor. It is the position of Ag Pro that they do not want used equipment on their lot and, therefore, will not exchange the current loader for one that is an appropriate size for the tractor. Trustee Rahe suggested the possibility of trading in the tractor. The matter was tabled.

ROAD BORE PERMIT (AMPLEX) - The board discussed the progress of the permit for road bores in the township. Amplex is still waiting for an updated permit to decide if they will proceed with a fiber optic project on Fish Road. They reviewed a sample permit from Attorney, Joyce Nowak. There were questions as to the type of and amount of the required bond. The board would like to discuss the issue with the attorney before making any decisions. The matter was tabled.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS 2024 - The Wood County Engineer sent out an email requesting the township's planned road work for 2024. The Board discussed joining Webster Township in a repair of Swan Road from Zeppernick to St. Rt. 199 and also repairing a portion of Zeppernick Road at the same time. They also discussed applying for Issue One money for South River Road. The matter of Kesson Road was also discussed. Trustee Schuerman will contact Mr. Sisco about Zeppernick Road and also let him know that the board is ready to go ahead with the Issue One application for South River Road.

**New Business** – EMAIL FROM STRAWSER - Trustee Schuerman reported that Strawser contacted him to find out if the township is interested in doing some more micro seal this year. He will let them know that the township is not interested for 2024.

2023 TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION (ODOT) – The Trustees reviewed the 2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification for 40.204 miles. Trustee Schuerman moved to approve the Mileage Certification for 40.204 miles. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried. The Trustees signed and dated the Certification. Ms. Getz will email a copy back to the Engineer's office.

SALT BUILDING - Trustee Rahe reported on the progress of the salt building. He contacted a new person who can get drawings to take to an engineer. Rucky Builders will be sending an email to the board.

**ZONING – Old Business** – ZONING MANUAL CHANGES – Brooke Hahn reported that the Wood County Planning Commission approved the solar and wind language developed by the Zoning Commission. The Board set March 13, 2024 at 8:00 AM for a public meeting on the issue. The regular meeting of the Board will immediately follow. Brooke will post a notice in the Sentinel Tribune. She also reported on the Zoning Commission's progress in revising the manual.

## GENERAL OLD BUSINESS –

MARIJUANA – The Board was given a sample resolution prohibiting cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of medical marijuana, licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3796, within the unincorporated territory of Freedom Township, pursuant to R.C. Sections 519.21(D) and 3796.29. In addition, pursuant to R.C. Section 3780.25 (A), the Board could prohibit adult use cannabis operators, dispensaries, processors and cultivators as set forth in

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Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780, within the unincorporated territory of Freedom Township. The Board discussed issue and tabled the matter.

**WATER/BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY** – Trustee Schuerman reported that he spoke to Pemberville Mayor, Carol Bailey and the village’s attorney, Robert Kuhlman about the status of transferring the garage parcel to the township. They indicated that no easement of any kind will be necessary for the construction of the new bridge on Bridge Street and, therefore, the village will be willing to transfer the garage property to the township. They will get back with Trustee Schuerman.

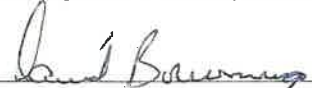
**MAINTENANCE BUILDING FLOOR DRAIN** – Trustee Schuerman reported that there has been no word from Rudolph Libbe, Inc. regarding their plans for fixing the flooding issue in the garage area since the special meeting on February 12, 2024.

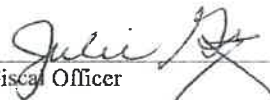
**GENERAL NEW BUSINESS –**

**OHIO PLAN INSURANCE APPLICATION** – Ms. Getz reported that the application for renewal of insurance coverage from The Ohio Plan needs to be completed. She suggested that she, Chief Martin, Trustee Bruning and Bob Rentz all work together on the application and get it submitted as soon as possible.

**LEVY INFORMATION** – The Trustees reviewed the levies due to expire this year to determine what needs to be considered for renewal. The matter was tabled.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Bruning adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.

  
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David Bruning, Chairman

  
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Julie, Fiscal Officer

  
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Richard Rahe, Vice Chairman

  
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Kent Schuerman, Trustee