

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-224-3336 FORM NO. 10148

Held April 10,

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 and Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz.

Chairman, David Bruning called the meeting to order.

Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 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 - FIRE STATION ROOF REPLACEMENT – The board discussed the bids. Trustee Rahe would like to take Garland off the table since the initial cost estimate before sending the information out for bids was 2 to 3 times higher than the estimates from the other bidders. He will contact Garland to let them know. The board decided to reach out to Damschroder Roofing and Technique Roofing Services to ask for an updated bid. Trustee Rahe will also contact 5 STAR Roofing to let them know they are out of the bid process. The board will decide at the next meeting.

FIRE STATION ELECTRIC – Chief Martin reported that they are still working on getting a new oven/stove for the fire station. He asked Trustee Rahe about the voltage of the electric at the station and Trustee Rahe said that the 208 would work for a new stove and should not be changed to 220 since it would affect the compressor and other equipment.

PERSONNEL – Chief Martin mentioned that he has had open weekends with no station coverage and it looks like they will have some more in April. The board discussed possible shortages of personnel as the summer approaches.

ROADS – Old Business – ROADWORK FOR 2024 – Trustee Bruning presented the cost estimates from the Wood County Engineer for the roadwork on Swan Road and Zeppernick Road. After discussion with the Fiscal Officer, the board decided that the township could afford to bid both projects. *Trustee Rahe moved to proceed with the Swan/Zeppernick Roads project based on the estimates from the Wood County Engineer, and Freedom Township will split the cost of the Swan Road section with Webster Township, and Freedom Township will take the lead on the project. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion.*

Roll Call: Kent YES, Dave YES, Rick YES, motion carried.

Julie will contact Shane Johnson for help with the bid package. Trustee Rahe will contact Trustee, Mark Bushman, from Webster Township to get final approval to proceed with the Swan Road project and split the cost with Freedom Township.

TRACTOR LOADER – Trustee Schuerman reported that Ag Pro wants to put a 620 bucket on the loader to make it lighter and add wheel weights to keep it from tipping. (The current bucket is a 640) He believes that will do it for \$0 cost. However, they are not willing to change out the loaders. Trustee Rahe is concerned that it still doesn't make the tractor right and doesn't want to do that. Trustee Schuerman will contact them again but believes that the only way the situation will be rectified with a new loader is to file a lawsuit and he would like to avoid that.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING FLOOR DRAIN– Trustee Schuerman reported that he and Bob Rentz met with representatives from Rudolph Libbe. They brought a diagram of the maintenance area floor with height measurements. Trustee Schuerman is concerned that their proposal will do nothing to address that fact that the southeast corner of the 1st bay is draining

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toward the office wall. Julie pointed out what looks like a moisture problem inside the file room along the firewall adjacent to the area in question. Trustee Schuerman took a photo of the issue and sent it to Dalton Landers at Rudolph Libbe, Inc.

SALT BUILDING – Trustee Rahe opened the proposal from Scott Heacock to provide drawings for the salt building. His proposal includes 2 phases. Initial drawings and final drawings. The board discussed the size of the building. *Trustee Rahe moved to hire Scott Heacock for the 1st phase of the project and provide initial drawings for the salt building at a cost of \$2,500.00.*

Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Kent YES, Dave YES, Rick YES, motion carried.

Trustee Rahe will contact Mr. Heacock.

ROAD BORE PERMIT – Julie reported that Trustee Schuerman explained that he spoke with Attorney, Joyce Nowak, about the permit and discussed the conditions he would like to see in the permit. Upon Trustee Schuerman's request, Julie forwarded a copy of the permit changes and additions to Ms. Nowak for review. Trustee Schuerman explained that the residents want the service provided by Amplex so he would like to make the permit as easy and inexpensive as possible so that Amplex will do the project. He believes that the permit and resolution can and should be ready for approval by the next meeting.

DURAPATCH – Mr. Rentz reported that the Durapatch machine that was ordered in cooperation with Troy Township has been delivered to Troy Township. They will invoice the township for half the cost. He also reported that the pigeonhole is on the truck and ready for use.

ZONING – No report.

GENERAL OLD BUSINESS –


WATER/BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY – Trustee Schuerman reported that he attended the Village of Pemberville's last council meeting. He said that the Council voted to turn Parcel No. D16-512-100223002000, the "garage parcel", to Freedom Township. Mr. Kuhlman said that the township would need to get a survey before they can transfer the property. Trustee Schuerman contacted Ryan Crum from Wood County to see if they can provide a survey. He then spoke to Joyce Nowak to see if she could be of assistance. He has not heard back from them regarding the survey. He will reach out to Ms. Nowak to find out the status.

OHIO PLAN INSURANCE APPLICATION – Ms. Getz reported that she reviewed the information regarding the inventory with Chief Martin and Mr. Rentz and sent the completed application to Ohio Plan. She has arranged for Laurie Manning to be at the next meeting to review the policy and quote.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Bruning adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.


David Bruning, Chairman


Fiscal Officer


Richard Rahe, Vice Chairman


Kent Schuerman, Trustee