

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held May 8,

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. Also present were: Laurie Manning and Steven Jerzykowski from Ohio Plan and Architect, Scott Heacock. Via Telephone – Don Rose, Auctioneer.

Chairman, David Bruning called the meeting to order.

Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 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. The April Bank Reconciliation was approved.

GUESTS –

Ms. Manning presented a bound copy of the insurance policy, effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025. The board had approved the new policy at the last meeting. However, Ms. Manning reviewed some information, meanings and definitions. She also explained that Ohio Plan can put the bonds on the liability insurance policy and it would provide more protections for the township. *Trustee Rahe moved to cancel the current officials' bonds and add them to the new insurance policy and an additional cost. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, Roll Call: Dave YES, Rick YES, Kent YES, motion carried.*

Ms. Manning will cancel the issued bonds and add them all to the insurance policy. She will forward an updated Premium invoice to Ms. Getz.

Mr. Heacock discussed the new salt building with the board. They continued to discuss the size of the building because size matters. The Board would like to build a 60' x 30' building if funds will allow. The board discussed options and specs. The Trustees will contact Mr. Heacock following the sale of the Township Hall property.

Mr. Rose – Kent Schuerman called Don Rose to discuss options for selling the Water Street Property. Don indicated that he can do an on-site auction in conjunction with an online auction. He would charge a buyer's premium of 10% and the auction does not have to be absolute.

FIRE – Old Business – MEDICARE REVALIDATION – Julie reported that there was a second round of corrections requested. She submitted them and they were accepted. She and Duane will look for the approval.

TANKER – Chief Martin reported that the Tanker was damaged when it was pulled into the station and hit the overhead garage door. He is working on getting the damage fixed and will work with Julie on filing an insurance claim.

FIRE STATION ROOF – Technique Roofing Systems will be out in 60 – 90 days to do a final measurement. Mr. Rahe reported that he spoke to them about going up and over the parapet wall so there is no seam. They will measure it and give an additional quote when they come out. Mr. Rahe estimates the cost will be an additional \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00.

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New Business - PAGERS – Chief Martin reported that they have 4 pagers that are not working and need repair. The board determined that it would not be cost effective to repair all 4 pagers. *Trustee Rahe moved to purchase 1 new pager and repair 1 pager. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion,*

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

SUPPLIES - Chief Martin reported that they need new fire brooms and a new fire nozzle. *Trustee Rahe moved to purchase 2 new fire brooms and a new fire nozzle for the fire department. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion,*

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

NEW HIRE – Chief Martin presented an employment application for Joe DeLong to join the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department. *Trustee Rahe moved to hire Joe DeLong to work at the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department as an emergency responder. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion,*

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

ROADS – Old Business – ROADWORK FOR 2024 – Kent picked up the bid specs from Jason Sisco and the trustees reviewed and signed. Dave will take it back to the Wood County Engineers' office. Julie will look for the information to send out the request for bids.

MAINTENANCE AREA FLOOR REPAIR – Kent reported that RLI is planning to come out and make the necessary repairs at the beginning of June. It is the understanding of the board that they will change the placement of the floor drain and measure out 8 feet and slope the area toward the drain.

RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT (ROAD BORE PERMIT) – Julie reported that she received an update to the language in the previously approved permit. Under section #7 of the permit, the language was changed to include an initial performance bond and at the conclusion of the work it shall be replaced by a maintenance bond. The board reviewed the language change. *Trustee Rahe moved to adopt the new permit as presented, including the new language under section #7 and the new copy of the current ORC attached. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion,*

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

The Trustees signed a resolution adopting the new permit as approved.

New Business: SEEDER – Mr. Rentz reported that he rented a seeder from Peters Equipment and re-seeded some areas in the new grass on the Maintenance Building parcel.

ZONING - Ms. Getz explained that the Zoning Commission worked on language to add to the zoning manual including seasonal housing and related definitions. They plan to take the changes to the planning commission for review and suggestions.

GENERAL OLD BUSINESS – WATER/BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY – Trustee Schuerman reported that the legal description on the deed from Mr. & Mrs. Ludington to the Village of Pemberville contains both, the Township Hall parcel and the garage parcel. There is no good legal description for either parcels so the township will need to get a new survey in order to allow the village to transfer the garage parcel to the township. He spoke to NRM who said they could expedite the survey. They provided a quote and indicated that they can do the survey within a few weeks. *Trustee Rahe moved to hire NRM to survey parcel D16-512-100223002000. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion,*

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

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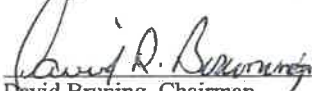
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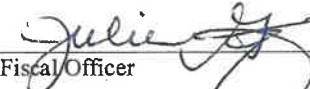
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There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Bruning adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:30 P.M.



David Bruning, Chairman



Julie
Fiscal Officer



Richard Rahe, Vice Chairman



Kent Schuerman, Trustee