

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 644-324-0336 FORM NO. 10148

September 25,

2024

Held

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The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Trustees, David Bruning, Rick Rahe and Kent Schuerman were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Fire/EMS Chief, Duane Martin and Assistant Chief, Andy Sergeant.

Chairman, David Bruning called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

*Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schuerman; Bruning yes, Rahe yes, Schuerman 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, Bruning yes, Rahe yes, Schuerman yes, motion carried.*

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

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

**FIRE – New Business** – **STATE CERTIFICATION** - Chief Martin stated that the State of Ohio requirements for hiring an FFI class firefighter includes having a High School Diploma or GED and/or a state certification. Therefore, he requested that the wording in the employment application/policy be changed to accordingly. *Trustee Rahe moved to change the wording in the Fire/EMS application for employment to include and/or state certification. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion,*

*Roll Call: Bruning yes; Rahe yes; Schuerman yes; motion carried.*

**APPLICATION** – Chief Martin submitted an employment application for Jason Young and requested that he be hired by the township as a department FFI responder. Although he does not yet have his High School Diploma, the state allows for him to be an employee due to his state certification. *Trustee Rahe moved to place Jason Young on the roster as a probationary employee. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion,*

*Roll Call: Bruning yes; Rahe yes; Schuerman yes; motion carried.*

**ROADS – Old Business** – **TRACTOR LOADER** – No report; Attorney, Joyce Nowak, will be attending the next meeting at which time the status will be discussed.

**COUNTY ROAD MOWING** – Trustee Rahe mentioned the issue of Wood County asking the townships if they would be willing to mow the county roadsides for \$120.00 per hour. After discussion, the board decided to table the issue until Mr. Rentz is available to discuss the matter. **GERKEN PAVING INVOICE** – Ms. Getz presented the fund status report and discussed how much and from which funds should be used to pay the invoice for the Zepernick/Swan Roads Paving Project. Trustee Schuerman reminded her that the invoice should not be paid until approved by the Wood County Engineer's office.

**New Business** – F550 – Julie reported that Mr. Rentz is taking the F550 Truck to Thayer in Bowling Green to fix the power steering fluid leak.

**SIGNS** – Trustee Rahe reported that a township resident asked about putting up a “Stop Ahead” sign on Bradner Road heading south approaching St. Rt. 6. The Board discussed the issue and brought up a number of approaches to State Routes in the township. The Board agreed to look into the matter and tabled until the next meeting.

**ZONING – ZONING COMMISSION** - Ms. Getz reminded the board that one of the Zoning Commission members has asked to be replaced on the commission.

**CEMETERY – DISINTERMENT** – Ms. Getz reported that Attorney Nowak is helping to expedite the requested disinterment of remains in the Pemberville-Union Cemetery. Julie presented a Waiver of Notice of Application to Disinter Remains for board signature. She will also present a Waiver to the Pemberville-Union Cemetery Board for signature and return both documents to Ms. Nowak for filing.

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September 25,

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Held

**GENERAL OLD BUSINESS – WATER STREET PROPERTY** – Trustee Schuerman reported that the survey has been completed and approved by Mr. Crum. He asked that it be forwarded to Attorney Nowak to proceed with the transfer of the garage parcel from the Village of Pemberville to the township. Ms. Nowak is planning to attend the next board meeting and will discuss the next steps.

**911 RESOLUTION** – Tabled

**FRIESNER LAWSUIT** – Attorney Nowak will discuss at the next meeting.

**RECORDS RETENTION** – Trustee Rahe brought up the issue of extensive paper records flooding the building. He suggested that the township purchase a new scanner so that the old records can be digitized and old paper records can be destroyed. Julie discussed the procedure involved in destroying old records. They will review the records retention policy and revisit the issue.

**GENERAL NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Rahe would like to invest in centerline paint for some of the township roads. Trustee Schuerman reminded the board that Wood County offers to paint roads in townships upon request. The board will look into it for next year.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Bruning adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.

  
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David Bruning, Chairman

  
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Fiscal Officer

  
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Richard Rahe, Vice Chairman

  
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Kent Schuerman, Trustee