

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held May 10, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Mr. Schuerman called the meeting to order. Trustees Kent Schuerman, David Bruning and Richard Rahe were present. Also present were, Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, and Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, and Fire Chief, Duane Martin. Guests included, Onsite Superintendent, Jim Cannon, and Dalton Landers of Rudolph Libbe, Inc.

Kent Schuerman called the meeting to order. The progress meeting began with Mr. Landers' discussion of the progress of the building to date. He reviewed safety at the site and went through the project schedule. The Board discussed relocation of extra clay from project and hydro seed. Rick Rahe reported that the Village of Pemberville is preparing the current water/sewer system for water hookup but timeline is not in place. Rick Rahe will talk to the owner of the car wash to see if the job site can use some of his water. Dalton provided site testing results for review.

There being no further discussion of the Office/Maintenance Building, the Board began the regular business meeting at 8:00 AM.

*Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 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. Bruning, seconded by Mr. Rahe, all yes, motion carried.*

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

**ROADS** – Kent presented a proposal from Morlock Asphalt to crack seal on Eisenhower Road before Strawser Construction begins the micro seal. *Trustee Rahe moved to hire Morlock Asphalt Ltd. to crack seal Eisenhower Road from Bradner Road to East Street, approximately 16,345 linear feet, for \$2,943.00. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* Bob reported that he has not heard back from the Wood County Engineer regarding the drainage issue on Linwood Road. He will contact them for an update.

**FIRE** – Chief Martin presented an application from Logan Perry to be considered for the cadet program. After reviewing the application, *Trustee Bruning moved to admit Logan Perry to the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Cadet Program. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* Following the Board's review of the application from Gonzalo Pizarro III for employment at the Department, *Trustee Rahe moved to hire Gonzalo Pizarro III as a part-time/volunteer at the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Duane presented a list of Volunteer Manning Incentives and related costs for the Board's review. The Board discussed previously presented point system recommended by the Ohio Task Force and the estimated costs of both proposals. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

The Board discussed the Webster Township Fire/EMS contract and the formula used to calculate the cost to Webster Township for services. The contract ends December 31, 2023 so a new one will need to be negotiated. Kent suggested that the townships may need to negotiate of 1-year contract until the new effective rates are known. He will check with Auditor, Matt Oestreich about the effective rate of the levies moving forward.

**ZONING** – The Board discussed the progress of the zoning manual update. Julie reported that the zoning commission had 2 meetings to update the solar and wind regulations. Rick will check with Commission Chair, Duane Abke, on the status. At the request of Trustee Schuerman, Julie

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contacted Brooke Hahn to see if she would be interested working with the Zoning Commission and heading up the full manual update. She will ask Brooke to attend the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The Village of Pemberville sent an Application for Zoning Certificate for the Fire Department to use temporary signs on the property to advertise fundraising events. The application will be filled out on an annual basis.

Solid Waste Management sent out information about revisions to their program. The need a resolution signed to participate in the new program. The Trustees tabled the issue to give them time to review the changes.

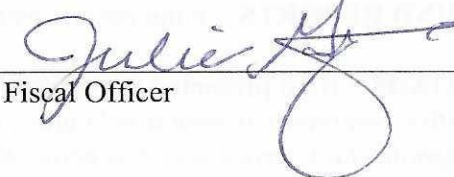
Palmer Energy sent an email about putting an electric aggregation on the ballot in November. The subject was tabled until the Trustees can research the issue.

The Township received an email about participation in the CodeRED Alert system. Rick will respond to the email and get more information for the next meeting.

Julie reported on the recent BWC audit. She said that the township received a \$4,644.00 refund from the 2021 premium. She filled out an amendment to the 2022 report which she is hoping will also get a refund. Also, Julie requested that the Board renew the Bureau of Workers Comp. contract. *Trustee Bruning moved to approve the renewal contract with the Bureau of Workers Comp. insurance. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer