

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held June 28, 2023

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

Mr. Landers reviewed the project timeline and work schedule. He also reviewed the pricing for hydroseeding and stoning the pond. The Board reviewed installation of utilities. The Board joined RLI at the job site to observe and discuss the deflecting and rutting issue, remedy of the situation. No decision was made at this time.

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 June 14, 2023 meeting, seconded by Mr. Rahe, all yes, motion carried. Trustee Bruning also moved to accept the minutes by Rudolph Libbe, Inc. of the Special Meeting of the Board regarding the Office/Maintenance Building on June 22, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, 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. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Bruning, all yes, motion carried.*

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

**FIRE** – Duane reported that the Ohio Budget Committee cut the MARCS radios out of the budget but the decision is not yet final. He also reported that the Air Trailer is scheduled for bottle testing to be done by Automatic Fire Protection Systems, Inc.

Chief Martin reported that the pump testing equipment has arrived. Duane also reported that the boat motor is not running and was taken to Coastal Marine for repair.

Jason Young submitted a Cadet Application. After the Board's review, *Trustee Rahe moved to accept the application for cadet by Jason Young. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Chief reported that Jamie Haas donated a winch that the Fire Department personnel would like to install on the Grass Rig. Duane estimates that it will cost approximately \$200.00 to install. The Board approved the installation.

The Board discussed incorporating a point system for the benefit of the employees. *Trustee Rahe moved to approve the use of the point system, as presented by Chief Martin, on a trial basis for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* The PFFD Point System proposal is attached hereto for reference.

**CEMETERY** – Bob reported that the damaged fence at Fish Cemetery has been repaired. Kent reported that the Pemberville-Union Cemetery Board increased the price of cemetery plots by \$100.00. The fee for non-residents is now \$600.00 per plot while the fee for township residents is now \$250.00. *Trustee Rahe moved to increase the cost of plots in Fish and Eisenhower Cemeteries by \$100.00 to match the rate increase for Pemberville-Union Cemetery. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Wreaths Across America requested approval to hold their annual event at Fish, Eisenhower and Pemberville-Union Cemeteries again this year. *Trustee Rahe moved to allow Wreaths Across*

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*America to hold their event annually in perpetuity until further notice by the Board of Trustees. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

**ROADS** – Mr. Rentz reported that he bermed along Linwood Road where the new asphalt was laid. Also, Rick reported that Tom Oberhouse contacted him about repairing Kesson Road. The Board discussed that matter. No decision was made.

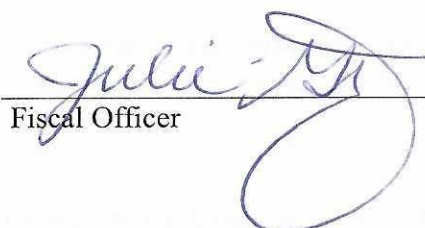
**ZONING** – Trustee Rahe contacted the members of the Zoning Commission to ask their opinion on hiring Brooke Hahn to guide them through the process of revising the zoning manual. He reported that they are all in favor of her assistance.

Trustee Schuerman reported that he spoke to Attorney, Joyce Nowak about an open zoning issue. She reported that Dan Kemner has not responded to her office. The Board discussed some ongoing issues. Kent will speak with Mr. Kemner.

**OLD BUSINESS** – The Board discussed the pros and cons of putting an electric aggregate in place for Freedom Township. *Trustee Rahe moved to put the issue on the ballot this November. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer