

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held December 30, 2022

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The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Mr. Rahe called the meeting to order. Trustees, Kent Schuerman and David Bruning were present. Also present were, Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Fire Chief, Duane Martin and Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz.

Mr. Schuerman moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Bruning, all yes, motion carried.

Bills and Payroll were presented. *A motion to accept the bills and payroll was made by Mr. Bruning, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, all yes, motion carried.*

Receipts were presented and reviewed. *A motion was made by Mr. Schuerman to accept the Receipts as presented and Mr. Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

FIRE – Chief Martin discussed run volume and revenue. He also reported that the 1995 Spartan Smeal Quint Ladder Truck #775 sold for \$9,200.00 and the 1989 Ford Grass Truck/Mini Pumper #773 sold for \$9,900.00.

Duane reported that new rules will not allow satellite trainings. All continuing education will now be required to go through accredited facilities so all employees will need to go to Owens Community College for CE hours. Assistant CE for EMS and Fire will no longer be recognized.

ROADS – Mr. Rentz reported that he put up new signs on the corner of Dairy View and Bradner Road. He also reported that there was a problem with the air filter/cleaner getting clogged and freezing up on the snow plow. The Trustees signed the ODOT mileage certification.

Trustee Schuerman presented a quote from Strawser Construction for micro-seal on Eisenhower Road from Bradner Road north to the curve at East St. The quote is \$80,988.30 minus \$35,000.00 credit from Bradner Road work. Total cost would be \$45,988.30. The question was tabled.

CEMETERY – The Board reviewed the fees for burials. They discussed the high cost of maintaining the cemeteries and what can be changed to help manage the increasing costs. Mr. Rentz mentioned that there may be funds available to Union cemeteries. Bob presented a comparison of cemetery charges at other cemeteries. The matter was tabled.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING – The Board discussed financing. They are waiting for Wood County Treasurer, Jane Spoerl, to commit to purchasing the bonds from the township. Rex Huffman believes it will be in place within the next couple of weeks. Could be between 4% and 4.5% interest rate. Also, the Board chose colors and materials for the building.

NEW BUSINESS – The Board discussed wages for 2023. They also reviewed the medical insurance policy changes.

Julie presented proposed temporary appropriations for 2023. *Trustee Rahe moved to approve the temporary appropriations as presented. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Rahe adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. Happy New Year!


Chairman


Fiscal Officer