

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held January 26, 20 2022

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Mr. Rahe called the meeting to order. Trustees Richard Rahe, 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 January 26, 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. Schuerman, seconded by Mr. Bruning, 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. In reviewing the reports, the Board directed the Webster Township Fire & EMS contract funds will be deposited into the General Fund to finish re-paying the fund for the ambulance expenditure from 2019.

FIRE – Monday, January 24 the Department had a run to Bay Park. They traveled down Pemberville Road and they passed a semi close enough to clip the mirror on Ambulance #7 and broke it off. It was a no-fault collision. Chief checked on pricing to replace the mirror and he believes the cost will be approximately \$450.00. The Board approved the purchase.

During a regular rig check they found that the scene light on Engine #1 is broken. Chief priced the part and can get 2 for approximately \$300.00. The Board approved the purchase.

FEMA Grant Application was submitted. The application was submitted for \$611,445.00. The price includes a request for 67 Air Packs, 134 bottles, 71 masks and 2 RIT packs. These items would bring the Department to total compliance. Our share of the cost would be \$15,000.00.

Chief Martin reported that the Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department did not receive the MARCS Grant.

Duane has been looking for a truck for the grass rig. He found a used 2014 truck with a flat bed and a crew cab listed for \$44,856.00. He would like to go look at it to see if it would serve the Department's purpose. Mr. Rentz reported that he looked into options for replacing his 2015 truck so that it can be used by the Fire Department for the grass rig. The Board discussed options.

Chief Martin discussed the condition of the current fire engines and whether the Township should run a levy this year to pay for a new fire engine.

Duane Martin reported that the Captains tests have been graded. He will announce the new Captain this week.

Trustee Rahe discussed the impact of the 2024 on our local area and how the Township will need to respond.

ROADS – Trustee Schuerman discussed the possibility of needing to replace the 2013 tractor. The Board and Bob Rentz talked about the condition and options if it needs to be replaced.

Bob Rentz reported that the road mower is now ready for delivery.

The Board talked about road repairs and which roads need the most attention. Alexander, Linwood, Elmore and Swan roads were mentioned. Trustee Schuerman shared a map of the Township Roads and their conditions according to a study by the Wood County Engineer's

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held January 26, _____ 2022

office. Kent Schuerman will speak with Jason Sisco about an estimate for 2 miles of road work on Alexander Road. The Board also discussed the funds available for road repairs in 2022.

ARPA – Trustee Rahe reported that he has been reviewing the new/revised criteria for spending the ARPA funds. The funds can be used for road repairs. Kent suggested that the Board put a list of uses determined by the Township to be most beneficial and submit the list to Attorney, Joyce Nowak, for approval according to the regulations of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Trustee Schuerman asked the Board about the possibility of applying for Issue One money to cover the cost of repairs to Linwood Road and or widening and removing the slight hill on Swann Road. May need to repair Zepernick Road between Fish Cemetery and Swan Road.

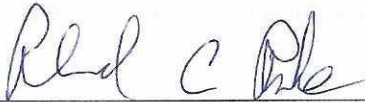
ZONING – Rick set up a meeting of the Zoning Commission to begin the process of revising and amending the Zoning Manual. A meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the Township meeting room.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING – The Board reviewed the contract between the Township and WDC Group, LLC for Criteria Architect services. *Trustee Bruning moved to approve and accept the contract for Criteria Architect services. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* Julie will prepare a Resolution accordingly.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Trustees reviewed and discussed the communications listed on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS – Rick contacted Mary Morgan about working with Julie on the Website along with other tasks. She is not interested in the job.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Rick Rahe adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer