

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held February 9, 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 February 9, 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 – Trustees discussed the Webster Township Fire/EMS Contract and when payment is due. Upon review of the contract, the payments are due April 30th and October 31st each year.

Chief Martin presented the annual Fire/EMS report. The Board reviewed the report with Duane. The Trustees and Duane discussed the recent increase in non-emergency runs.

New applications for employment at the Department were presented. Ross Beaverson and Emily Zatko would like to intern at the station. Daniel Gottschalk applied for employment. The Trustees reviewed the applications. Trustee Schuerman moved to accept the applications and hire Mr. Gottschalk for service at the Department. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried. Trustee Bruning moved to add the 2 rookies to the roster on probationary period of at least 6 months. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.

Hunter Shiffler and Crystal Hubbs have both completed the Fire I training and will be listed on the roster accordingly. Leigh Snyder passed the Paramedic test and will now be promoted to Paramedic on the roster and pay will increase accordingly.

The new Officers are now in place. Chad Dix has been promoted to Captain along with Steve Stachoviak Mike Vajen was promoted to Lieutenant. They will receive quarterly pay accordingly.

Travis Stoudinger applied for a Grant from CSX and the \$5,000.00 was awarded to the Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department Association. The Board discussed options for the purchase of a truck for a new grass rig. *Trustee Schuerman moved to purchase a 2014 Ford Super Duty F-550 DRW XL 4WD Crew Cab Diesel w/Flatbed Truck for approximately \$45,000.00 and to purchase 4 new tires for the truck and that the truck will be used for a grass rig for P.F.F.D. and, further, that the P.F.F.D. Association will contribute the remaining funds to finish the additions necessary to finish the truck for use as a grass rig. (This includes the purchase of the skid unit, {the Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department Association applied for and was awarded the Ag Credit Grant of \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing a skid unit} and apply the \$5,000 CSX grant funds along with any additional funds needed.) Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

ROADS – Kent contacted Jason Sisco from the County Engineer's office and requested a quote on road repairs on Alexander, Linwood and Swan roads. The Board continued with discussion of ARPA funds to be used for road repairs.

The Trustees signed the ODOT Mileage Certification and Julie will forward it on to ODOT.

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CEMETERIES – Wreath pick-up will take place on Saturday, February 19 at 9:00 AM beginning at Eisenhour Cemetery. Kent and Rick will drive the Township trucks to each cemetery so the volunteers can load the wreaths and the wreaths will be taken to the landfill.

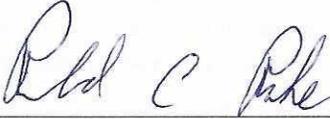
ZONING – Rick is heading up the effort to revise the zoning manual. He reported that the Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 5 was cancelled due to weather. No new meeting was scheduled. Trustee Rahe stated that Keith Avers will be an alternate on the Zoning Commission and Jim Witker will serve in place of Lloyd Daman. Rick is planning to contact Dave Stiner to attend the next Zoning Commission meeting.

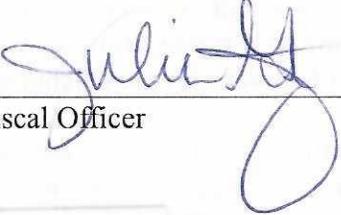
MAINTENANCE BUILDING – The Trustees discussed the building and prepared for the special meeting of the Board with WDC Group on Friday.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Board reviewed and discussed the communications listed on the agenda. Julie is also forwarding email communications to the Trustees as they appear in her email so they can review communications prior to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – ARPA - Rick Rahe continued explanation of American Rescue Plan Act and the Board reviewed possible uses of the funding. The Township will need to pass a resolution regarding the standard allowance. She will communicate with Joyce Nowak regarding requirements.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Rahe adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer

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Wood County cases will be reported Friday

The Sentinel-Tribune will report weekly on coronavirus cases.

The reporting will be in Friday's briefs.

Help is available to demolish vacant properties

The Wood County Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Wood County commissioners is providing grant funds for the demolition of qualified vacant commercial and residential properties throughout Wood County.

Properties must have the owners' permission to be demolished. The deadline to submit projects is Feb. 22.

For more information, call the Wood County Planning Commission office at 419-354-9128.

Freedom Twp. discusses new office building

PEMBERVILLE — There will be a special meeting of the Freedom Township Board of Trustees to discuss criteria for the new maintenance/office building. The meeting will be held on Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the township meeting room located at 531 E. Front St.

The regular meeting of the board of trustees will still take place at its scheduled time on Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Karaoke with BG VFW Post

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