

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held April 13, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Mr. Rahe called the meeting to order. Trustees Rick Rahe and David Bruning were present. Trustee Schuerman was ill and not in attendance. Also present were, Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, Fire Chief, Duane Martin, and Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, along with guest, Craig Hibner from OTARMA.

Mr. Rahe moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 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. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Bruning, all yes, motion carried.*

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

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

GUEST – Mr. Craig Hibner presented OTARMA's Liability Insurance Coverages for Freedom Township. He reviewed the specifications of the offered policy along with the policy premium. Trustee Rahe expressed his concerns about OTARMA's previous fleecing of the Township by over charging at a rate 50% higher than that of Ohio Plan. The Board continued discussion regarding the offered coverages and costs. Ohio Plan will present their offer of insurance coverages and costs at the next meeting.

FIRE – Chief Martin reported on the progress of the improvements to the truck to be used as a Grass Rig. The Association has paid to replace the truck bed which makes the truck 1,460 pounds lighter. They are planning to install lights and siren. Chief asked about the purchase of new tires. He presented a quote for 6 new tires totaling \$2,131.00. The issue was tabled.

The employees at the Department are asking for a new Fire Truck. After looking at multiple options, they chose to ask for a Suphten Ladder Truck at a cost of \$1,050,000.00. Chief explained that there would be additional costs involved once the truck is purchased because it would need a new hose, etc. The Board discussed the necessity of a new truck and the cost to the taxpayers. He requested that the Township run a levy in the fall for a new truck. Duane will speak to Suphten and present a lease cost breakdown at the next meeting.

The Department Officers are looking into changing Medical Directors. They believe Dr. Boggs would be a better choice.

Ross Beaverson wants to take the EMT class available at Vanguard.

Chief reported that he became aware of the scam involving the Department. A few people reported receiving a text message saying the Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department is selling t-shirts at a discount of \$10. They put an alert out on Facebook, Pemberville-Proud and Mr. Welker's community email.

Chief Martin received an email from Doug Houtz of Wood County Communications regarding instituting the CAD system of communication of emergency service providers. The Department is currently using Iam Responding and to switch to the CAD system would be costly. There is a meeting scheduled for April 28th at 10:00 A.M. if anyone is interested in finding out more information.

Duane requested permission to draft a letter in support of the Village of Pemberville providing water to the Eastwood School campus. Board discussed the issue and recommended that he contact Attorney, Joyce Nowak, to see if there is any legal issue with such a letter.

ROADS – Bob reported that Morlock Asphalt contacted him regarding plans for any crack seal/chip seal work for 2022. The Board discussed the condition of Alexander Road, Lemoyne

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Road, Rees Road and Hill Road to the East of the RR Tracks. Mr. Rentz will request a quote for crack/chip seal on Lemoyne and Rees Roads.

The Board would like to join Webster Township in repairing Swan Road using Issue One funding through the OPWC.

Bob reported that the new Road Mower is in.

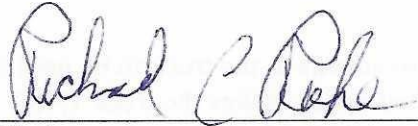
CEMETERIES – Mr. Rentz reported that we may not get the new cemetery mower until July.

Jakob Jared said he would be returning for this year. We also have another applicant for Seasonal Help who will be interviewing for the job before the next meeting.

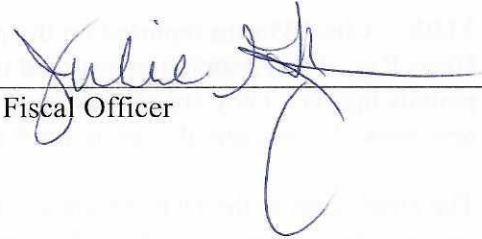
ZONING – Trustee Bruning reported that he has been in contact with Dan Kemner regarding an issue with a request for a permit to split a piece of property on State Route 105 owned by Joseph Appelhans.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING – No update.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Rahe adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer