

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held April 27, 2022

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

Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Schuerman, 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. Bruning to accept the Receipts as presented and Mr. Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

GUEST – Mr. Sieving attended as an observer.

FIRE – Andy Sergent reported that they ordered several accessories for the new grass rig including, but not limited to, a pump, 2 cameras, a center console and tool boxes.

Chief Martin presented information on the proposed tires for the rig. He presented a tire quote for approximately \$2,131.00 for 6 tires and Speck Sales said they would mount the tires for approximately \$264.00. There was discussion about the number of tires approved for purchase when the truck was purchased. The Trustees believed the number of tires approved was 2, Chief insisted all 6 tires should be replaced. *Trustee Schuerman moved to purchase 6 tires at a cost of \$2,131.00 and to have Speck Sales mount the tires for approximately \$264.00 for a total cost of approximately \$2,400.00. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Duane requested approval for the purchase of 4 new batteries for the Auto-pulse machines. The batteries cost \$800.25 per battery for a cost of \$3,201.00. The Trustees approved the expenditure.

Chief presented information on the cost to the Township for a lease of a new Sutphen Ladder Truck. There was a heated discussion about running a levy and how much that would need to be to purchase the truck and the Necessity of the truck. No decision was made.

ROADS – Trustee Rahe reported that Webster Township is going to take the lead on applying for Issue One funding for repair of Swan Road.

Mr. Rentz reported that he used cold patch behind the fire station and worked on berming South River Road.

CEMETERIES – The Board interviewed Keegan Shank immediately prior to the meeting. *Trustee Bruning moved to hire Keegan Shank for the 2022 season at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Bob discussed the seasonal workers with the Board. The Board approved having Jake Grover fill in for seasonal help when needed. Bob will check with William Kelly, who applied for the job last year, to see if he is interested in working for the Township this season. Bob will ask the Superintendents for the Village of Pemberville to help get the Pemberville-Union Cemetery ready for Memorial Day if needed.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING – WDC Group anticipates having information ready for the Township in early May.

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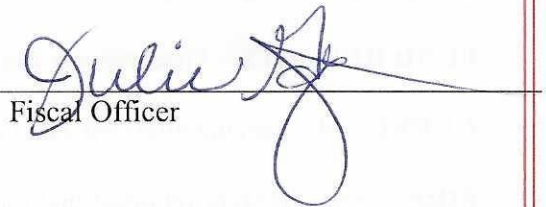
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The Board discussed having County Line Co-Op spray the Maintenance Building property.

NEW BUSINESS – The Liability Insurance Policy is due to expire on May 1, 2022. The Township Office received the insurance quote from the current provider, Ohio Plan by Hylant Administrative Services. The Board reviewed and compared the policy quotes from OTARMA and Ohio Plan. *Kent Schuerman moved to stay with Ohio Plan for 2022 – 2023 coverage. Dave Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* The Board declined the offer of additional coverage.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Rahe adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 8:00 AM.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer