

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held May 11, 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 t, Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, Wood County Auditor, Matt Oestreich and Chief Deputy, Julie Allison.

*Mr. Schuerman moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 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.

**GUEST** – Auditor Oestreich was asked to attend the meeting so that he could discuss levies and millage and options for the levies to be on the ballot in November. The Board asked about options for levy renewals and adding a levy for a new fire truck.

**FIRE** – The Board discussed options for a new fire truck and whether the Township should run a levy for a new ladder truck or look for a used truck and the feasibility for each option.

Chief reported that Mykel Jahna drove the grass rig to Grand Rapids, Michigan to purchase two ladders for the truck, one on each side.

Duane Martin previously requested permission from the Board to write a letter in support of the Village of Pemberville supplying water to Eastwood School. Based on the answer from attorney, Joyce Nowak, Chief rescinded his request.

Ross Beaverson is starting an EMT class at Vanguard. Per the custom of the Board, the Township is paying for the class for Ross in return for two years of service to the Department.

The Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department Association received a grant for the purchase of tools for the department in the amount of \$10,000.00. Fastenal was running a promotional offer of \$2,500.00 in free tools with the purchase of \$10,000.00 in tools. The Association purchased \$12,500.00 worth of tools for use on the new grass rig and Duane will provide the Fiscal Officer with a list of tools for insurance purposes.

Chief reported that there is no word on the status of the FEMA Grant award.

**ROADS** – Mr. Rentz discussed the prospective seasonal employees for 2022. He requested that Jake Grover be hired to work intermittently when needed. *Trustee Bruning moved to hire Jake Grover for intermittent seasonal work as needed during the 2022 season. Trustee Schuerman said that there is not enough money to pay 3 seasonal employees so Trustee Schuerman moved that the Township hire Jacob Grover to work as an independent contractor as needed through Memorial Day in order to prepare the cemeteries for the holiday. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* As approved at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Keegan Shank is the other road and cemetery mowing and maintenance seasonal employee.

**CEMETERIES** – The Board reviewed the resume submitted by William Kelly for seasonal employment. Mr. Kelly was interviewed for the 2021 season. After reviewing the application and resume, *Trustee Schuerman moved to hire William Kelly for 2022 seasonal employment for cemetery mowing and maintenance. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

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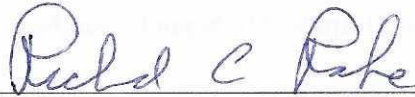
**ZONING** – We will need to replace Ron Golightley on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board members will look for individuals who may be interest in joining the Appeals Board and vote on a replacement at the next meeting.

**MAINTENANCE BUILDING** – Trustee Rahe just received an email from WDC Group containing the criteria documents. The Board Members will review the documents and Rick will set up a Building Committee meeting before the next meeting.

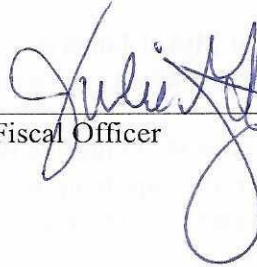
**NEW BUSINESS** – The .04 mill Fire (2191) tax levy expires this year. Also, the 1.00 mill General Fund Current Expenses levy expires this year. The Trustees discussed renewing both levies. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Ms. Getz would like to hire a cleaning service to come once per month. She presented a quote from Cleaning Angels, LLC. *Trustee Schuerman moved to hire Cleaning Angels, LLC to clean the office and meeting room once per month for \$100.00 for the first cleaning and \$85.00 per cleaning thereafter. 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, May 25, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer