

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held May 25, 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, Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz and Assistant Chief, Andy Sergent.

*Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Rahe, 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. Rahe, all yes, motion carried.*

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

**FUND REPORTS** – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

**FIRE** – Tyler Vajen passed the EMT class and is expecting to take the State certification next week. Tyler applied for employment. *Trustee Bruning moved to hire Tyler Vajen to work at the Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department not to work during the day shift until he receives his certification. Kent Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Chief Martin reported that the cable at the fire department was provided for free from Spectrum. On Monday, Spectrum turned off the service. Mike Vajen called Spectrum and got the service turned back on as a free service to the Department.

Jeremy Harpel purchased materials to build a mini house behind the station for training purposes.

Mr. Sergent reported on the progress of the improvements to the grass rig.

Chief Martin discussed a need for a new ladder truck. The Board talked about the cost of the proposed truck purchase, whether there is a need for a new truck and, options for running a new levy to pay for a truck.

**ROADS** – As per the request of Trustee Schuerman, Jason Sisco of the Wood County Engineer's office provided an Estimate of Construction Cost for Alexander Road. The Board reviewed and discussed the estimate. *Trustee Schuerman moved to proceed with the repairs to Alexander Road from Fish Road to North River Road and to give Julie Getz authority to put together a bid package for the Alexander Road Project. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* Kent will contact Jason regarding the specifications for the roadwork.

**ZONING** – Trustee Rahe reported that he contacted Kim Long to replace Ronald Golightley on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He will join the Board. Julie will send out letters to all members of the Zoning Commission and Board of Appeals with an updated list of Township employees and Board members.

**MAINTENANCE BUILDING** – Trustee Rahe has contacted the Criteria Architect, Jason Funderburg, several times with no response. He discussed options for moving forward and whether there is a need to have Attorney Joyce Nowak assist in communications with WDC Group. The contract for services was signed on January 26<sup>th</sup> and is being stalled by the lack of work product by WDC Group.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Julie reported that she has been for the invoice from OPWC about the Issue One loan. She found out that they still don't have the project marked as completed and she needs to figure out how to mark the project as complete so the loan repayment can begin.

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**OLD BUSINESS** – The Board signed the lease renewal for a 6-month period to expire on December 31, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The Board discussed the levies expiring this year. The Current Expense levy will need to be renewed and the Board talked about combining the .4 mil levy with an additional 1.6 for a new 2 mil levy instead of putting up 2 separate levies to cover fire apparatus and fire equipment to include a new fire truck. The Board will decide at the next meeting.

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



Chairman



Fiscal Officer