

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held June 8, _____ 20 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 Attorney, Joyce Nowak.

Mr. Schuerman moved to approve the minutes of the May 25, 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 – Attorney, Joyce Nowak, came to the meeting to discuss options for the purchase of a fire truck to replace the current Quint. She presenting information on the law regarding levies for property tax in Ohio and points to consider in running a levy for the purchase of said truck, including but not limited to, Ohio Revised Code requirements for levies and procedures for procurement of fire apparatus. The Board continued discussions regarding the possible purchase of a new Quint priced at \$1,050,000.00. The cost to the taxpayers would have to be 2.9 mils for 5 years to cover interest at a total cost of \$1,155,000.00 in total. The 0.40 mill 2191 Fire levy is due to expire this year. The Trustees will look for other options and decide how to proceed with the fire levy at the next meeting.

Chief Martin presented a letter of resignation from Greg Keiser. *Trustee Bruning moved to accept the resignation of Greg Keiser. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

CEMETERIES – Bob Rentz reported that he received 17 orders for foundations. They will be poured tomorrow, June 9. Ordered 9 yards total.

ROADS – The public notice for the 2022 Alexander Road Paving Project went in the paper yesterday and will go in again on the 14th. Bid letting will take place at the next meeting beginning at 7:30 P.M. as advertised.

On Sunday, the Trustees became aware of a hole in Wayne Road from a wash-out due to the amount of rain in the last week. Bob Rentz went out on Sunday and put a road closed sign at each end of the road. Wood County will be fixing the issue as soon as possible.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING – Rick reported that WDC Group sent the criteria documents today. He shared them with the Board. There were issues with the design and he will speak with Christina Cave about the changes and the original plan as described during the initial meeting. They also sent a chart of project milestones. Some of the dates are wrong and will need to be changed. The Board discussed adding familiarization with local contractors as part of the contract.

Trustee Rahe will copy and distribute the criteria documents to the Building Committee and hopes to schedule a meeting for Monday.

COMMUNICATIONS – Sarah Dyer sent an email to the fiscal officer regarding insurance for the cemetery. She needs some answers to questions from the Ohio Plan questionnaire.

OLD BUSINESS – The Board discussed the website and ideas for content.

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NEW BUSINESS – The 0.10 mill Current Expense levy is due to expire this year. The Board talked about anticipated expenses and the necessity to renew the 3 year levy. *Trustee Schuerman moved that it is necessary to renew the 0.10 mill 3 year Current Expenses levy. 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, June 22, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer