

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held July 13, 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 Guest, Roger Mulholland.

Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 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. Schuerman, seconded by Mr. Bruning, 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.

FIRE – Ohio Emergency Medical Services put out a legislative alert regarding H.B. 138. Chief reported that it does not affect Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department or Freedom Township.

Julie reported that the purchase of the 2005 Pierce Dash 75' Quint fire apparatus is completed and the financing with Republic First National is in place for a 6-year period.

The Board discussed selling the current Quint and the old pumper along with other misc. items at the fire station as soon as the Township takes possession of the new Quint. The sale would go through Don Rose Auction.

Julie presented the Wood County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for the renewal of .4 mills with increase of .6 mills for the current fire levy 2191. The Board considered options. *Trustee Bruning moved that it is necessary to renew the .4 mill fire (2191) 3-year levy with an increase of .8 mills for a total not to exceed 1.2 mills. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Chief Martin reported that the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Association plans to promote the renewal and increase of the fire levy 2191.

ROADS – Chris Rahe would like to put tile and a catch basin in the shallow ditch along his property on Wayne Road. He plans to do the work but the Township will be responsible to maintain the tile and catch basin. The Trustees discussed options for the tile and Mr. Bruning will talk to Chris and see what he plans to do.

Mr. Rentz reported that there are some drainage issues along Alexander Road along the section of road to be re-paved by Gerken Paving. Bob and Dave Bruning have been checking the tile under the road to see what needs to be repaired or cleared. He and Trustee Bruning will talk to Justin Gerwin about fixing the drainage issues before Gerken begins work on the road.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING – Mr. Rahe received a call from Keith Avers. Mr. Avers resigned from the Building Committee due to health issues. Therefore, Bob Rentz will take his place on the committee.

Trustee Rahe reported that the Township received 5 responses to the RFQ. Those responding were: Rupp Rosebrock, Inc., Midwest Contracting, The Spieker Company, Clouse Construction and Rudolf Libbe. He also reported that the Building Committee plans to meet on July 14 at 10:00 AM to rank the contractors at which time they will decide a date to interview the contractors. The Board discussed the process for moving forward with hiring the builder.

GUEST- Roger Mulholland attended the meeting as a representative of the ECIC as the chairman of the township committee. 1. Mr. Mulholland reported that 2 trucks were stolen last

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week from a Webster Township resident's driveway. He asked if the Township has considered providing security for the residents. He asked the Board if they have looked into the cost of hiring the sheriff's department to patrol the township. After further discussion, Mr. Schuerman said he would ask Troy Township Trustee, Skip Recker, what their arrangement is with the Sheriff's Department. 2. Mr. Mulholland asked about the website and would like to see Freedom Township's minutes on the site.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mrs. Getz reported that the 2nd tranche of ARPA funds were received in the amount of \$73,671.05.

She also presented a notification from the Wood County Auditor regarding any special assessment from the township to be certified by the second Monday in September. The Board has not assessments to certify.

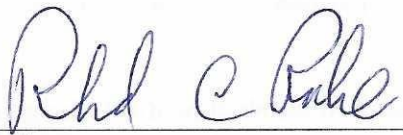
Julie reported that she is still unable to certify to the OPWC that the final payment was received for the Issue One road work so that the loan will be set for repayment. Trustee Rahe will contact Greg Feller to see if you can give OPWC notice.

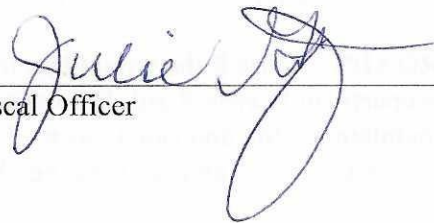
The Fiscal Officer shared an update regarding the OneOhio Distributor Settlement.

OLD BUSINESS – Ms. Getz presented the Wood County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for the 1.0 mill Current Expense levy renewal. *Trustee Schuerman moved to proceed with the Current Expense levy as stated by the Wood County Auditor at a rate of 1.0 mills to generate \$66,016.00 per year for 3 years. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Getz presented a proposed budget for 2023. After review by the Board, Trustee Schuerman moved to approve the budget for 2023 as present by the Fiscal Officer. Trustee Bruning seconded the budget, all yes, motion carried.

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


Chairman


Fiscal Officer