

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held July 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, Deputy Chief, Kent Appelhans, Assistant Chief, Andy Sergent, Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz and Zoning Inspector, Dan Kemner. Guests include Dean Schuerman, Matt Walters, Rick Walters, Ken Sieving, Tom Sieving, Orville Wilcox, Paul Kemner and Peggy Zdile Kemner.

*Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the July 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. 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.

**ROADS** – Alexander Road is scheduled for 2 miles of paving by Gerken Paving, Inc. Bob Rentz along with Trustees Bruning and Schuerman inspected the drainage tile under the road. It has an 18” clay tile under the road and running to the river. The Board questioned the land owners affected by the tile if they want to increase the size of the tile when it is replaced. The 18” tile will be replaced at Township’s expense. Any cost increase above the cost of the 18” tile will be passed on to the landowners. The Board discussed options with the landowners. Trustee Schuerman will get a quote on different proposed options and the landowners will attend the next meeting to decide.

The Village of Pemberville is repairing the waterline along North River Road and has requested a permit for a road bore under Alexander Road.

Trustee Schuerman reported that Wood County Engineer, Jason Sisco, is working on an Issue One application on behalf of Freedom Township to repair Linwood Road. Webster Township is also working on an application for Issue One money, in conjunction with Freedom Township, for work on Swan Road since the road is shared with Freedom Township.

Trustee Bruning reported that he was asked about the condition of the concrete car stoppers along the side of Jake Grover’s building in the Fire Station Parking area. He suggested that the stoppers at the south end that are in good condition be moved to the north end to replace the ones that are crumbling. Bob Rentz will look into it.

**FIRE** – Chief reported that Brindlee Mountain is working on the improvements to the recently purchased Quint. He will get a quote on lettering.

Andy Sergent reported that the Grass Rig is almost ready for use. Julie and Steve Stachoviak have been working on ordering the 6 tires. Trustee Schuerman will contact Speck Sales to see if they can order the tires since they will be putting them on the rig.

Duane Martin reported that the touchless faucets at the station have been malfunctioning. Bob’s plumbing has replaced all of the touchless faucets under warranty.

Chief Martin reported that he plans to present a new Captain’s test to anyone who qualifies and is interested in filling Greg Keiser’s role. The Board agreed.

Duane presented the new County Mutual Aid Agreement.

Chief also reported that he spoke with John Wagner and he expects the FEMA GRANT to be awarded soon.

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The Village of Pemberville approved PIMA's request for a Brew Fest in the village on September 19<sup>th</sup>. PIMA would like to use the fire station to provide food and beer/liquor for the Brew Fest. The station would need a liquor permit and the Board discussed the issue. Julie will check with the Ohio Plan and the matter will be decided at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the certificate from the Wood County Auditor for the Fire (2191) Levy. *Trustee Schuerman moved to proceed with the levy for a .4 mill renewal with an increase of .8 mills for a total not to exceed 1.2 mills. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

**CEMETERY** – Trustee Schuerman, as a member of the Board of the Pemberville-Union Cemetery, reported that the fund is empty. As is the common practice of the joint owners of the cemetery, the Village and the Township each contribute \$2,500.00 to the fund approximately every 8 to 10 months to keep it in the black. *Trustee Bruning moved to contribute \$2,500.00 for the support of the cemetery. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

**ZONING** – Dan Kemner reported that Darla Baker asked again whether there is anything that can be done about the property across the road that she considers blight. He also reported that Richard Bittner's property on Elmore Road is full of junk. Dan has gotten complaints from the neighbors. He will contact Attorney, Joyce Nowak, for instruction.

**MAINTENANCE BUILDING** – Trustee Rahe reported that the Building Committee shortlisted the contractors to all 5 respondents. The interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jason Funderburg of WDC Group will attend along with the members of the Building Committee. Clouse has backed out so Trustee Rahe is expecting 4 contractors to attend the interviews.

Trustee Schuerman will contact Bond Council after the interviews when the Township will have an idea of what the project will cost.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Trustee Rahe reported that Justin Gerwin will be working on the skating rink behind the fire station.

He also reported that he attended the Wood County Township Association meeting and President, Heidi Fought spoke about several issues. One issue was the recent bill signed by Governor DeWine about the language of the levies for future elections. She believes it will be detrimental for passing new levies.

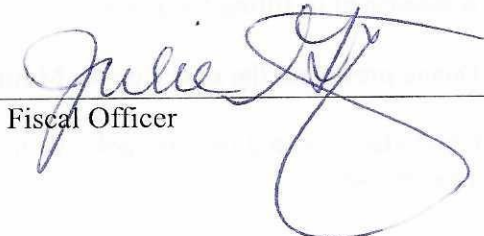
**OLD BUSINESS** – Attorney, Joyce Nowak, forwarded documents for execution to participate in the One Ohio Opioid settlement. *Trustee Bruning moved to approve the participation in the One Ohio Opioid settlement and to execute the Exhibit K for the "Distributor Settlement" and also to execute the Exhibit K for the "Janssen Settlement". Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Julie would like to change the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10 at 8:00 AM to Thursday, August 11. The guests requested that the meeting take place at 7:30 PM.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Rahe adjourned the meeting until Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer