

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held April 12, _____ 20 2023

The Board of Trustees of Freedom Township met on the above date. Mr. Schuerman called the meeting to order. Trustees Kent Schuerman, David Bruning and Richard Rahe were present. Also present were, Fiscal Officer, Julie Getz, and Road Superintendent, Robert Rentz, and Fire Chief, Duane Martin. Guests included Shane Johnson, Wood County Engineer's office and Joe Vancena, Dalton Landers and Nick Walby of Rudolph Libbe, Inc.

Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023 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. Rahe, seconded by Mr. Bruning, all yes, motion carried.

Receipts There were no receipts reported.

FUND REPORTS – Fund reports were presented and reviewed.

ROADS – Shane Johnson presented an Estimate of Construction Cost for Linwood Road. Mr. Johnson reported that Morlock Asphalt's proposal was \$47,500.00. He spoke with the Shelley Company and is waiting on a proposal from them. He will also speak to a third company to submit a proposal as well. *Trustee Rahe moved to wait for all three bids and to hire Morlock Asphalt if they present the lowest and best bid. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Trustee Schuerman presented a bid from Strawser Construction, Inc. proposal for a micro surface project on Eisenhour Road from Bradner Road to East Street. Kent reminded the board that Strawser Construction, Inc. agreed to a \$35,000.00 credit to the township to be used toward future work for the township. He will reach out to Strawser to get a new proposal which clearly identifies a price including the total quote less the credit for a new total. Based on Mr. Schuerman's calculation, the total proposal should be \$60,400.62 - \$35,000.00 credit equaling \$25,400.62. *Trustee Bruning moved to hire Strawser Construction, Inc. to micro surface Eisenhour Road from Bradner Road to East Street at a cost of \$25,400.62. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.* Mr. Schuerman also pointed out that it looks like road bore has been completed on Eisenhour Road just south of East Street without a permit. He will look into the matter.

Trustee Rahe moved to enter into a work agreement with Wood County for the performance of roadwork in 2023 up to an amount not exceeding \$75,000.00. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.

FIRE – Chief Martin said that the captain's test was taken by 5 employees. Based on the results of the test, he recommended that Mike Vajen be promoted to Captain and Shelly Vajen be promoted to Lieutenant. *Trustee Rahe moved to accept the recommendation of Chief Martin. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Duane also reported that the Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Association recently received 3 grants. CSX award was \$5,000.00, the TC Energy award was \$5,000.00, and Harbor Freight awarded the Association a \$300.00 grant. He explained that the CSX grant would be used to purchase a thermal imaging camera with 4 gear keepers; the TC Energy grant money would purchase a battery-operated ventilation unit for Engine 1 and; the Harbor Freight grant expenditure is undecided. Chief also mentioned a BWC grant that he would like to apply for through the township.

The Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Association would like to hold a fundraiser at the fire station on Sunday, May 7th. It will be a drive thru pulled pork dinner for a donation. The Board agreed to the event.

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Chief Martin presented a new Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement Contract between Freedom, Troy, Webster, Center and Montgomery Townships. Duane said the agreement would encompass a territory 6.1 miles from the station. After review by the Board, *Trustee Bruning moved to accept the new Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement Contract as amended. Trustee Rahe seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

CEMETERIES – Julie reported that she received 2 requests for a summer help application. She received 1 application back. Bob will contact him and reach out to the other interested party to see if he is still interested in applying for a position. The township will continue to use subcontractor, Jake Grover, to fill in as needed.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING – Dalton Lander, Nick Walby and Joe Vancena attended the meeting to review additional expenses for the project. Following discussion with the Board, the Board approved the increased costs due to changes of the original plans and agreed to split the cost of item 3. RLI will provide a weekly updated construction schedule.

Following discussion by the Board, *Trustee Rahe moved to terminate the contract with WDC Group for the work described in Part B of the scope of work described in the appendix. Trustee Bruning seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

Trustee Rahe suggested that, for the duration of the building project, all Board meetings should be held beginning at 7:00 A.M. to discuss building matters and then proceed with the regular meeting business beginning at 8:00 A.M. All members agreed. Julie will put a notification in the paper and post it on the website.

Attendees headed outside for the ground-breaking ceremony.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.


Chairman


Fiscal Officer