

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Freedom Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

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

Held March 22, 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. Guest – Mark Bushman, Webster Township Trustee.

Mr. Bruning moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 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 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 – Chief Martin completed the UIS Insurance renewal application. He shared the Fire Department’s year end report with the Board.

Chief reported that Mike Hubbs volunteered to take a driver’s training class which would allow him to train members of the P.F.F.D. The course is free to all VFIS members.

Duane discussed the point system that was proposed in the Ohio Task Force on Volunteer Fire Service Report and Recommendations. He suggested a \$1.00 per hour wage for 5 on-call personnel plus adding the point system presented in the report. Employees would get points for each event attended, for example, fire and ems runs, meetings, continuing education, etc. He estimated that the additional payroll cost would be approximately \$25,000.00 to implement 4 on-call personnel along with the point system. The matter was tabled.

ROADS – The Board discussed the condition of Linwood Road. They are interested in doing some repair work on the worst sections. Mr. Rentz reported on a drainage issue that would need to be fixed before any roadwork can be done.

Kent and Bob met with Shane Johnson from the Wood County Engineer’s office about applying for Issue One funding. They looked at Linwood Road and South River Road from Pemberville Road to Wayne Road. The matter was table until further information is available.

OLD BUSINESS – Julie presented the Resolution to Approve Opting into National Opioid Settlements which was approved at the meeting on March 8th.

Julie and Dave reported on the Ohio Township Association and DAC meetings. The Wood County Auditor and Prosecutor’s office presented information regarding the new tax levy law and tax distributions. Dave reported that the DAC meeting did not meet a quorum so no decisions were made.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING – Mr. Rahe explained that there is an issue with the storm sewer. RLI proposed a meeting with a trustee, the Village of Pemberville Mayor and others, to work out the details.

He also reported that Rudolph Libbe is planning a ground-breaking ceremony in mid-April and will get back to him with a date.

Mr. Rahe will get some prices on a salt shed. He then left the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

CEMETERIES – Mr. Rentz reported that the spring clean-up is done. Julie reported that there have been 2 requests for applications for summer help.

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ZONING – Mr. Bruning reported that he contacted Duane Abke, from the Zoning Commission, to get the commission together to update the zoning manual. He suggested that they call Brooke Hahn to attend a meeting to give direction on the procedures for implementing the revisions. Zoning Inspector, Dan Kemner, will participate in the process.


The Board discussed the replacement of Lloyd Daman as a member of the commission. *Trustee Bruning moved to appoint Karen Young to the Zoning Commission to fill the open spot left by Mr. Daman. Trustee Schuerman seconded the motion, all yes, motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS – Dave Bruning signed the annual Boundary and Annexation Survey. Also, the Wood County Township Association meeting along with the DAC meeting will be held on 03/16/2023 at 6:00 P.M. Julie and Dave will attend and report at next meeting.

There being no further business coming before the board, Trustee Schuerman adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer