

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Special Meeting and Regular Meeting, Thursday, December 1, 2016

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman John Zizka called the Special Township Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., Thursday, December 1, 2016 with the Regular Meeting to follow. Present: Trustees Jeff Derthick, Roy Martin and John Zizka. Present also were the Fiscal Officer Karen Martin, Road Supervisor Tony VanSteenberg. Residents present: Mr. Tom Mesaros, Mr. Stan Lawrence, Mr. Dan Lougen, Mr. Frank Richnavsky, Mr. Charles Duffield, Mr. Dan Grafton, Mr. Pete Damico and Guest Speaker Todd Peetz.

The meeting was being taped to facilitate the written minutes. Once the minutes are approved the tape will be reused.

After Mr. Peetz gave a presentation and answered questions on the Regional Planning concerning the Land Use and development and the cost of the Regional Planning to develop the Land Use plan The Regular Township Meeting was opened. The projected cost of the Regional Planning will be approximately \$11,100 minus the use of Township hours would be about \$7,500.

A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2016 Regular Meeting.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried 12.1.16.01

A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2016 Special Meeting.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried 12.1.16.02

A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 Special Meeting.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried 12.1.16.03

A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 Regular Meeting.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried 12.1.16.04

Public Comment: Mr. Pete Damico appeared requesting use of the baseball field on S.R. 700 for the 2017 season. Trustee Zizka noted that the end of January an ad will be placed to accept written enquiries for the use of the 2017 baseball field.

Zoning: Trustee Zizka read a submitted report from the zoning inspector. An update on information from Chris Meduri concerning Milano and Barton zoning issues.

Roads: Tony reported that the propane at the garage has been delivered. A tire had to be replaced on the one ton. The boom mowing has been finished for the year. Tony stated that the health department suggested that the septic tanks at the Townhall and Community Center be pumped. McCoy septic will be called to do the job at \$195 each tank.

Three cemetery lots have been sold and two burials were done in last two weeks. On November 19, salt was spread where needed in the township.

The Road closed signs from Municipal Signs along with the new Hankee Road sign have been received.

Some of the Christmas decorations have been put up. The large wreath that was hung on the pavilion has fallen apart. A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to purchase a new wreath for the pavilion.** Roll call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried 12.1.16.05

Trustee Zizka presented the certified road mileage from the county engineer's office, Mr. Anthony Zumbo. A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to accept the Freedom Township mileage of 11.812 miles.** Roll call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. **Motion carried 12.1.16.06**

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Park: Trustee Derthick informed everyone of a Park meeting on December 5, 2016 at 7 p.m., at the Freedom Townhall. Tony reported that they had taken the picnic tables at the baseball park dugout area and put them in the park building. Trustee Zizka has a proof of signage for the Parks on supervision and age appropriate use of the facilities. A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to purchase three safety signs to be posted at the Freedom Township parks from Municipal Signs.** Roll call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. **Motion carried 12.1.16.07**

Fiscal Officer: After some discussion it was decided to not have a meeting on December 15, 2016, but to have the End-of-the-Year meeting on December 29, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Townhall.

The Bureau of Workers Compensation requests the payment schedule for 2017. A half year payment is \$1,095 or the entire year is \$2,190. A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to pay BWC for the year 2017 in one yearly payment at \$2,190.** Roll call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. **Motion carried 12.1.16.08**

The OTARMA election of candidates for the Board of Trustees has been received. After review of the candidates a motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to choose Marsha Funk and Nicholas Schwab as new Board Members of OTARMA.** Roll call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. **Motion carried 12.1.16.09**

Unfinished Business:

- a. Public Square-Trustee Zizka will send letters to Mr. Kuntz and Mr. Ballentine stating that no further negotiations will be done until the title is received by Freedom Township.
- b. MOF- After checking the tax information on S.R. 303 property the lien has been totally removed and at this time Mr. Lapio is aware that no lien is on the property.
- c. No new information on the Corpening property at this time.

New Business: a. The rental house has several leaks around the fireplace chimney again and Jeff and Roy will check it out again to see if the problem is visible. The water softener has been repaired at a cost of \$255. Mr. Wade Currence has taken a water test to be processed checking for any contaminants or bacteria in the water.

Misc: a. A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to purchase Christmas gift cards.** Roll call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. **Motion carried 12.1.16.10**

A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to go to executive session to discuss the sale of property at 8:37 p.m.** Roll call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. **Motion carried 12.1.16.11**

A motion was made by Trustee Zizka and seconded by Trustee Martin **to return from executive to regular meeting at 8:53 p.m.** Roll call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. **Motion carried 12.1.16.12**

During the meeting, warrants & EFTs, #8674-#8703 in the amount of \$12,926.85 were presented to the Trustees for approval and ordered paid by signature. See the Payment Register which is attached hereto and by reference made a part of these Minutes.

A motion was made by Trustee Derthick and seconded by Trustee Martin **to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:54 p.m.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. **Motion carried 11.17.16.13**

John C. Zizka, Chairman

Jeffrey M. Derthick, Trustee

Roy E Martin, Vice Chairman

Karen S. Martin, Fiscal Officer

