

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting, January 18, 2018**

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman John Zizka called the Regular Township Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 18, 2018. Present: Trustees Jeff Derthick, Roy Martin, John Zizka and the Fiscal Officer, Karen Martin. Present also were Road Supervisor Tony VanSteenberg, Butch Roosa, Zoning Inspector Rich Gano Also present were residents: Mr. Charles Duffield, Mr. Matt West, Mrs. Judy Thornton, Jennifer & Adam Derthick and Mr. Dave Ballentine.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to approve the minutes of the End of the Year/Regular Meeting of 12/28/17.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 01.18.18.01**

A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to approve the minutes of 1/4/18 Organizational and Regular Meeting.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 01.18.18.02**

**Public Comment:** Mr. Roosa requested the trustees check on increasing the paid sick leave time, or build the time in the next year with a cap on the amount or a suggestion of some insurance to cover an injury or illness. The subject will be checked on and reviewed at a future meeting.

Mr. Ballentine addressed the board concerning the rezoning on the Light Industrial Zone. He would like consideration to change his property back to commercial. He also questioned a violation letter from the zoning inspector concerning the trailers parked on his property where he says they are fresh water storage tanks trucks. This will be reviewed with the County Prosecutor office and reviewed at a later meeting.

**Roads:** Tony gave a report and said that snow plowing and salt spreading have kept them busy. Also a steering shaft broke on the Kodiak and one was purchased from Sarchione for \$420 and Butch picked it up. Cutting edges need to be ordered for the plow as only one is left for replacements. Tony reported that he sold two lots at the cemetery and buried cremains this past week. It was noted that Silco will be coming in the next week to do the annual fire extinguisher inspection. Tony needs the contact number for Cargill to order some of the salt to fulfill the contract order.

Trustee Derthick would like to start obtaining information for a new truck to replace the 95 Kodiak. Trustee Zizka relayed a compliment to the road crew on the good job they do for our township roads.

Trustee Derthick reported that a steering committee for concerns on conditions of the roads is requesting the township representatives meet on an agreed day and time. Jeff will be attending the meeting.

**Park:** Trustee Derthick reported that someone has been turfing the lawn at the Community Park. No one has been identified yet. Tony has checked with Mr. Eckman concerning when the rest of the trees are taken down. He has not had a response from Mr. Eckman. An ad for the baseball field use is needed in the Villager.

**Zoning:** Mr. Gano gave the zoning report. He issued a building permit on Smalley Road to Mr. Sackett. Rich also sent out five violation letters; 7845 S.R. 303 about a truck trailer being used as a garage; another notice about a POD on 7781 S.R. 303; Mr. Wilke will contact the fence company about a storage container; and an accessory building being erected on Limeridge Road.

Trustee Derthick reported that the Zoning Commission was discussing the storage container issue in the Light Industrial Zone with no results but will revisit later. Mrs. Virginia Simpson requested staying on the Zoning Commission.

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**Fiscal Officer:** A thank you note will be sent to the EMS for the donation of the fluorescent lights and tubes. A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Zizka **to renew the agreement with Mrs. Connie Evans for the 2018 year, to do the website maintenance and updating at \$35 per month.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 01.18.18.03**

Karen reminded everyone that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of February will be when everyone will be in Columbus for the convention. A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to cancel the first meeting of February and keep the seconded meeting as scheduled.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 01.18.18.04**

Mrs. Evans will be consulted about putting a link into our website to include the History of Freedom and the Freedom Historical Society.

Karen has talked with Mark Russell and confirmed that liability coverage for 7276 S.R. 303, Old School Building #2 is included in the policy we already have.

A motion was made by Trustee Derthick and seconded by Trustee Martin **to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 8:44 p.m.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 01.18.18.05**

A motion was made by Trustee Zizka and seconded by Trustee Martin **to return from Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 01.18.18.06**

**Fireboard:** Trustee Martin gave a brief fireboard organizational meeting report. Joe Leonard was elected as Chairman with Roy Martin as vice-chair.

**EMS:** Trustee Zizka gave the organizational meeting report and noted that Chairman will be John Zizka.

**PCRPC:** Trustee Derthick gave a report on the Regional Planning meeting.

**Old Business:** Trustee Zizka reported that the guaranteed title and deed should be coming to the township very soon to show the name is Freedom Township. There was a discussion concerning the security of the property and what is needed as soon as possible to be done to maintain the building integrity. The trustees are looking into a grant to help offset the cost of the electric, heating, windows and doors. In the spring Tony will install posts and chain across the driveway to help eliminate vandalism on the property.

During the meeting, warrants & EFTs, #9288-#9303 in the amount of \$7,775.66 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 Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to adjourn the Regular Township meeting at 9:23 p.m.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 01.18.18.07**

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John C. Zizka, Chairman

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Jeffrey M. Derthick, Trustee

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Roy E Martin, Vice-Chairman

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Karen S. Martin, Fiscal Officer

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Transaction #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
9288	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	PR	Leonard F Roosa	\$1,491.75
9289	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	PR	TONY VANSTEENBERG	\$1,548.76
9290	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	Centerra- Co-Op	\$919.33
9291	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	OHIO EDISON	\$392.35
9292	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	E & H Hardware Group	\$8.14
9293	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	Leonard Roosa	\$42.52
9294	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	Consumers Life Ins. Co.	\$166.00
9295	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	Josh Johnson	\$200.00
9296	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	DEXTER COMPANY	\$121.20
9297	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$197.69
9298	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	GateHouse Media	\$31.50
9299	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	GEEVILLE AUTO PARTS CORP.	\$15.28
9300	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	RENTWEAR, INC	\$135.19
9301	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	BURNHAM & FLOWER INSURANCE GROUF	\$75.00
9302	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	PORTAGE CO. SOLID WASTE MANAGEME	\$2,400.00
9303	01/18/2018	01/18/2018	AW	MARY ANN SCHAEFER	\$32.95
Total Payments:					\$7,775.66