

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, October 4, 2018

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman John Zizka called the Regular Township Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 4, 2018. Present: Trustees Jeff Derthick, Roy Martin, John Zizka and the Fiscal Officer, Karen Martin. Also road Supervisor Tony VanSteenberg. Present also were residents: Mr. Dan Grafton, Mr. Charles Duffield, Mrs. Jennifer Derthick, Mr. John Garrett, Zoning Inspector Rich Gano.

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. Prior to the meeting Receipt Reports, Fund Status Reports & Appropriation Reports were handed out to the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/20/18**. Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 10.04.18.01**

Public Comment: Mr. Garrett read a very nice letter from the Historical Society that was written by Mrs. Claudia Garrett thanking the Township road crew, Tony & Butch, and the Trustees for the help and work they do for Freedom Township. Mrs. Jennifer Derthick also thanked the Trustees and road crew for all the help with the Fall Festival and Craft Show.

Roads: Trustee Derthick handed out the final paper work for the OPWC funds. Trustee Derthick requests a resolution for OPWC representative. A motion was made by Trustee Zizka and seconded by Trustee Martin **to appoint and authorize Trustee Jeffrey Derthick as representative for OPWC programs and contracts on behalf of Freedom Township for resurfacing of Asbury Road north of Streeter Road**. **Resolution: 10.04.18.02** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 10.04.18.02**

Tony gave the road report. Luli Construction is hoping to proceed with the chip and seal project as weather permits. They had three brush pickup stops. Todd Lamb has given an estimate on the Vair Road repair and includes the Goodell Road repair. A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to hire Todd Lamb Paving to repair Vair Road and Goodell Road at a cost of \$1,550**. Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 10.04.18.03** Trustee Zizka reported that Vair Road damage was discussed with the Prosecutor's office. It was recommended that a letter be sent to the property owner as to the liability question of the damages. Trustee Zizka will draft a letter to the property owner.

Tony reported that they had two burials and sold two lots. A thank you to Bob & Dean Burrows for the use of the ground cover mats at the cemetery for the funerals.

They have been doing maintenance on the equipment. The hydraulic motors for the salt auger and spreader for the Kodiak need repair. He has contacted Robeck and they stated that they could rebuild them, but if the shaft is pitted it would be cost a little less than replacing with a new one. Tony will take the parts to Robeck and check on the cost comparison.

McCoy Septic has pumped all three township tanks and issued a report for our records. Tony reported that weight limit signs have been ordered and Trustee Zizka will pick up. They are painting the spreader. Tony stated that we have only one cutting edge for the snow plows and when we replace that one he would like to order another from Orion.

Fiscal Officer: Copies of the current township credit card policy was distributed. The new regulations for the policy will be reviewed at the next meeting before revising the policy.

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New Business: Trustee Zizka reported going to a meeting with the Portage Co. Solid Waste Dist. They had discussed the problem of items being but in the recycling bins that are not recyclable. Ten Portage Townships have recycle bins and there is a problem at all sites. Since this has gotten to be a problem at our recycle site other options may need to be considered such as closing the recycle area that Freedom Township has been offering our residents at no cost to them. The Township pays for the recycle bins to be available but the abuse of the items being dumped is not acceptable.

Zoning: Reminder of October 16, 2018, joint board meeting with Trustees and Chris Meduri.

Rich Gano presented the zoning report. He has again sent letters to Dave Bonner and Trent Milano and Ken Tackett concerning violations. A permit was issued Mr. Odell for an accessory building. Reminders were given when permits are issued about posting the permit to be seen from the road. Many residents don't follow through with posting them. Rich noted that 22 permits have been issued this year.

Rich is still concerned about carport and regulations needed for control. He feels review of the county regulations may be useful for townships also. Rich feels the zoning commission may be able to review the regulations and possibly suggest putting in the Zoning Code Book.

Another issue to address control before it gets to be a problem is "Wedding Barns". Some sort of rules and regulations need to be considered as to being inspected for safety such as fire egress and electrical inspections and other safety issues. This is a problem that needs to be addressed and reviewed. Also is a party venue allowed under Zoning Code?

A motion was made by Trustee Zizka and seconded by Trustee Derthick **to forward the zoning violation of Mr. Dave Bonner to the Prosecutor Chris Meduri for further action.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 10.04.18.04**

Misc: Freedom Township will hold Trick or Treat on October 31, 2018 from 5 pm to 8 pm. donuts and cider and hot dogs will be available. Any and all wishing to help or participate will be welcome. We are planning on candy, cookies or other handouts by residents. Ads will be placed in the local papers.

Trustee Zizka stated that the Historical steering committee would like to host the Fall Festival again on September 28, 2019. Karen Martin suggested getting an estimate to install electric in the southwest corner of the pavilion as it would be more convenient and less accident possibility of tripping over cords running along the floor. Trustee Zizka will check with JC Electric on an estimate of cost.

A NOPEC meeting is being held on November 13, 2018 at 11 a.m. Trustees are invited to this meeting.

During the meeting, warrants & EFTs, #9669-#9688 in the amount of \$7,569.47 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 Township meeting at 8:45 p.m.** Roll Call: Trustee Derthick, yes; Trustee Martin, yes; Trustee Zizka, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution: 10.04.18.05**

 John C. Zizka, Chairman

 Jeffrey M. Derthick, Trustee

 Roy E. Martin, Vice-Chairman

 Karen S. Martin, Fiscal Officer

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Payment Listing

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October 2018

Payment Invoice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
75-2018	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	CH	OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT S	\$802.56
9669	10/04/2018	10/03/2018	PR	Jeffrey M Derthick	\$727.99
9670	10/04/2018	10/03/2018	PR	Richard J Gano Jr	\$382.66
9671	10/04/2018	10/03/2018	PR	KAREN S MARTIN	\$1,084.80
9672	10/04/2018	10/03/2018	PR	ROY E. MARTIN	\$615.17
9673	10/04/2018	10/03/2018	PR	MARY A. SCHAEFER	\$221.18
9674	10/04/2018	10/03/2018	PR	JOHN C. ZIZKA	\$564.57
9675	10/04/2018	10/03/2018	AW	Evans Consulting	\$105.00
9676	10/04/2018	10/03/2018	AW	KAREN MARTIN	\$65.00
9677	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	OHIO EDISON	\$308.91
9678	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	RENTWEAR, INC	\$141.70
9679	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	AT&T	\$47.12
9680	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	DOMINION EAST OHIO	\$58.88
9681	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	Consumers Life Ins. Co.	\$116.25
9682	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	SUNBURST ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE, IN	\$68.93
9683	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	S & K SALES & SERVICE, INC.	\$113.41
9684	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	Business Card	\$476.71
9685	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	Allied Corporation	\$150.40
9686	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	BALLENTINE SAND AND GRAVEL, LLC	\$767.60
9687	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	McCoy Septic Tank & Drain Service	\$585.00
9688	10/04/2018	10/04/2018	AW	GEEVILLE AUTO PARTS CORP.	\$165.63
Total Payments:					\$7,569.47