

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
FREEDOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Thursday, January 5, 2012

The Organizational Meeting of the Freedom Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman James Hammar at 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Present: Trustees: James Hammar, Roy Martin, John C. Zizka; Rosemary Nicholas, Fiscal Officer; Jeff Derthick, Zoning Inspector; Charles VanSteenberg, Road Supervisor. Also present: Harold Cain, Charles Duffield, Dan Grafton, J. J. Leet and Mark Porter, Attorney & Counselor at Law for Gallup & Burns.

Mr. Hammar led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was turned over to Fiscal Officer Rosemary Nicholas for the election of officers.

Mr. Zizka nominated Mr. Martin as Chairman. There were no other nominations. Mr. Zizka moved that nominations be closed. Mrs. Nicholas called the roll on the **closing of nominations and the election of Mr. Martin as Chairman. Roll Call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes. Motion carried. Org-1-5-12.1**

Mr. Martin nominated Mr. Zizka as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. Mr. Hammar moved that nominations be closed. Mrs. Nicholas called the roll on the **closing of nominations and the election of Mr. Zizka as Vice Chairman. Roll Call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes. Motion carried. Org-1-5-12.2**

Mrs. Nicholas turned the meeting over to Chairman Martin.

Mr. Zizka made the motion **to approve Items A through S as shown on the agenda, as follows:**

- A. To keep town hall and community center rental fees at the current level: \$50 for residents; \$75 for non-residents; and \$100 for commercial, with corresponding security deposit. No charge for funeral meals and legal, charitable organizations (Scouts, 4-H).**
- B. To keep town hall pavilion rental fees at the current level: \$25 for residents; \$50 for non-residents, with corresponding security deposit.**
- C. That mileage reimbursement be set at 55.5 cents per mile, the standard mileage rate established for 2012 by the Internal Revenue Service.**
- D. To appoint the Chairman of the Board of Trustees (Roy Martin) as “individual” representative for OTARMA, and to appoint the Vice Chairman (John Zizka) as “Alternate.”**
- E. To appoint Mr. Martin as representative for the Ravenna Arsenal Board.**
- F. To appoint Mr. Zizka as the liaison for the Robinson Health Affiliates for the CDL testing program, with alternate to be any Trustee.**
- G. To appoint Mr. Martin and Mr. Hammar to serve as co-representatives to the Joint Fire District Board, with Mr. Martin being the primary representative and Mr. Hammar being the secondary representative.**
- H. To appoint Mr. Zizka and Mr. Hammar to serve as co-representatives to the EMS Board, with Mr. Zizka being the primary representative and Mr. Hammar being the secondary representative.**
- I. To appoint Mr. Hammar to serve as representative on the Portage County Regional Planning Commission, with Mr. Martin as alternate**

- J. To appoint Mr. Hammar to serve as Representative for the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program, Local Transportation Improvements Program, and/or Small Government Program, with any Trustee as alternate.
- K. To appoint Mr. Martin as the Road Consultant Representative with any trustee to be the alternate
- L. To appoint Mr. Hammar Zoning Commission contact, with Mr. Zizka as alternate.
- M. To appoint Mr. Martin Zoning Board of Appeals contact, with Mr. Zizka as alternate.
- N. To appoint Mr. Zizka to be in charge of town hall, community center and town hall pavilion scheduling, with any trustee as alternate.
- O. To appoint Mr. Hammar as Trustee representative for the Park Committee, with Mr. Martin as alternate.
- P. To set the Regular Trustee meetings to be held on the first and third Thursday of the month, at 7:30 pm, with the second meeting in December to be set at a later date.
- Q. That all meetings will be held in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and will be in compliance with the Ohio Sunshine Law; further, special meetings will be advertised in the Record Courier, the newspaper of most general circulation, by notifying them 24 hours in advance.
- R. That members of the Zoning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the alternates will be paid \$20.00 per meeting attended to include special meetings, workshops or any meeting pertinent to conducting the business of the Zoning Commission and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- S. To reconfirm 15 days vacation time for Charles Vansteenbergh and Tony Vansteenbergh, to be taken by the end of the year; 10 paid holidays as per the Ohio Revised Code; 5 sick days per year, with no carry over; sick days may also be used for bereavement leave purposes. Leave may be used in less than 8-hour increments.

Mr. Hammar seconded the motion. **Roll Call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes. Motion carried. Org-1-5-12.3**

With regard to Agenda Item T, Mr. Hammar made the motion, seconded by Mr. Zizka, **to table wage increases until the January 19, 2012 meeting. Roll Call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes. Motion carried. Org-1-5-12.4**

There being no further business, Mr. Zizka made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hammar, to adjourn the organizational meeting at 7:39 pm **Roll Call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes. Motion carried. Org-1-5-12.5**

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Fiscal Officer