

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

The Regular Meeting of the Freedom Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Martin at 7:40 pm on Thursday, January 5, 2012, immediately following the organizational meeting. 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 made the motion, seconded by Mr. Zizka, **to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2011, Regular Meeting as presented.** Roll call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution 1-5-12.1**

Public Comment: Mr. Cain noted spots on the carpet and said he would like to see the township retain the town hall security deposit to cover the cost of cleaning. Mr. Zizka said he would give this additional attention but rules are posted in the kitchen area, and he stresses to renters the importance of cleaning up spills when they occur. Mr. Cain asked about the overgrown plant materials at Drakesburg Cemetery, and Mr. Martin said this would be taken care of when weather permits.

Zoning: Mr. Derthick provided the board with zoning reports for the year. He continues to work on resolving five cases on file at this time. Regarding one violation, Mr. Derthick reported that the front yard has been cleaned up but he would like to see the condition of the back yard. Mr. Martin said the trustees would wait to hear from Chris Meduri before taking any action on this. Mr. Derthick said that he would like to buy a portable electric heater for the zoning office. The computer sits on the floor which is very cold. It was suggested that he move the computer to the desk top or adjoining shelf.

Mr. Porter introduced himself . He said he is running for 7th District House of Representatives, and would like to serve as representative for the expanded new district. He also said he would stay until the end of the meeting to answer any questions.

Road: Mr. VanSteenberg reported on the meeting held with Windham Township representatives regarding the joint maintenance of Hewins Road. There is no electric to the flag pole and so the internet is down. Mr. Zizka has a call in to J.C. Carmichael, and he will also ask Mr. Carmichael to repair the power to the light by the recycling containers and the light at the community center. Mr. VanSteenberg said that after the inventory on Monday, they plan to get cold patch and fill holes.

Park: Mr. Hammar is working on the NatureWorks grant request, which is due at the end of the month. He got a request from someone in Mantua wanting to use our ball field for a traveling team, and he advised the caller that our residents have first opportunity. Mr. Hammar is still waiting to hear from Mr. Krohn regarding using Booster funds to promote the park levy. Money is needed for mailings, posters, signs, etc. Mr. Cain suggested that we get the Boosters started again, and the trustees agreed this would be a good thing. We're looking for volunteers to get involved.

Mr. Zizka made the motion, second by Mr. Hammar, **to transfer \$5,000 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund, to support the Road & Bridge Fund.** Roll call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution 1-5-12.2**

Mr. Hammar made the motion, seconded by Mr. Martin, **to transfer \$2,000 from the Primary Checking Account to the Secondary Checking Account to fund HRA Deductibles.** Roll call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes. Motion carried. **Resolution 1-5-12.3**

Mrs. Nicholas noted that the trustees signed the bank reconciliation for 12/31/11. She also provided them with copies of the annual financial report.

Mr. Hammar made the motion to revise 2011 appropriation resolution to reflect actual expenditures plus any carry-over PO's in the amounts of:

General Fund.....	\$212,719.22
Motor Vehicle License Tax.....	5,322.86
Gasoline Tax	95,229.07
Road & Bridge	58,377.13
Cemetery	9,341.29
Zoning	9,389.12
Permissive Motor Vehicle.....	27,638.72
Misc Special Revenue (NOPEC Grant)	42,300.00
Public Works Commission (Stamm Rd).....	<u>102,707.15</u>
Total	<u>\$563,024.56</u>

Mr. Zizka seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes. Motion carried.
Resolution 1-5-12.4

Mr. Zizka said he talked with Mr. Miller of Classical Construction and he will be mailing the preliminary drawings for the porch.

Mr. Leet presented information regarding oil well leases and the favorable lease amounts being offered by Alove Drilling. He provided contact information for this company and suggested that the trustees might want to set up a meeting for the public to discuss oil/gas well lease opportunities.

During the meeting, warrants #5893 - #5914 in the amount of \$11,380.65 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.

There being no further business, Mr. Hammar made the motion, seconded by Mr. Zizka to **adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.** Roll Call: Mr. Martin, yes; Mr. Hammar, yes; Mr. Zizka, yes. Motion carried.
Resolution 1-5-12.5

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