

Town of Freeman

The regular meeting of July 26th, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 pm by John Leirimo.

All members present – John Leirimo, Al Thompson and David Olson

Peggy certified the meeting was posted at River Bank, P.O., NEIA Paper, website, and the Town Shop.

Dave made a motion to approve the agenda, John seconded. All yes

Patrolmen hours were reviewed, Al made a motion to approve, Dave seconded. All yes

Peggy presented the minutes from the 6/28/2021 regular meeting. Approved as read.

Sacha Powell was absent.

The July bills were reviewed. John made a motion to approve, Dave seconded. All yes.

Old Business:

- FEMA: Nothing to report.
- Road Repair: Discussion on the amount of gravel to put on roads. Al made a motion to put 2000 yards of gravel on in 2021, Dave seconded. All yes.
- Recycling: Peggy stated the Recycling Ordinance is complete, there will be a public hearing at the August meeting to approve. The DNR has approved the ordinance.
Peggy stated the township held their first scrap metal appliance recycling drop off day July 17th. Televisions are \$10.00, all other appliances and scrap metal are free of charge. There will be 2 more days to drop off – August 21st and September 18th.

New Business

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): The township received the first payment of \$36,843.33 June 25, the second equal payment will be received June 2022.
- Planning and Zoning Committee: Paul Sampson stated the zoning committee had 3 main items of discussion.
 1. Occupancy fee: The committee submitted the following fee schedule and requested board approval:
Building Permit Fees: Building value fee: “A onetime fee based on estimated structural value that can be adjusted up or down following the final report from the building inspector and the assessed value by our township assessor after issuance of the occupancy permit. The fee values are:
 - \$1,000.00 for a residence value of \$100,000.00 or less
 - \$3,000.00 for a value of \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00
 - \$4,500.00 for a value of \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00
 - \$6,000.00 for a value of \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00
 - \$7,500.00 for a value of \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00
 - \$9,000.00 for a value of greater than \$500,000.00Dave made a motion to approve the fees. The motion did not receive a second. Peggy stated the fee schedule could not be voted on because it was not on the agenda. The fee schedule will be put on the August agenda.
 2. CAFO – Paul Sampson stated the Zoning Ordinance will be updated to include CAFO restrictions.
 3. Discussion on debris in township right-of-way. Notices will be delivered to residents to remove debris.
- Permits:

- Fancy Pants Wine submitted a conditional use permit for a new business, Al made a motion to approve, John seconded, all yes.
- Grigoriy Yakolev – 2400 sq ft Shed - Al made motion to approve with variance, John seconded. All yes

Public Discussion:

- The township made the decision to sell the Woods rear mower for \$750.00. Tom Sampson stated he would purchase the mower.
- Russ Levy requested the township seal the cracks in the road at the intersection of Bishop Road and Rush Creek Road.

Next meeting will be August 30, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by Al at 8:33 to adjourn, Dave seconded.

Peggy Thompson, Clerk