

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting  
January 16, 2023 6:30 PM  
Fredonia Township Hall  
8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068**

**MINUTES**

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**BOARD MEMBERS** present:  Doug Damon, Supervisor  Cathy Combs, Clerk  JC Skowron, Treasurer  Kyler Speaker, Trustee  Terry Day, Trustee

**STAFF** present:  Phil Damon, Fire Chief  Jacob Washburn, Deputy Supervisor/FD Training Officer  Dan Livingston Sr., Calhoun County Planning Commission  George Crandall, Twp. Planning Committee  Terry Travis, Code Enforcement Officer

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:**

**Guests:**

Diane Thompson discussed starting her new position 2 weeks ago. Diane is here to assist with any questions or concerns and can be reached at [dthompson@calhouncountymi.gov](mailto:dthompson@calhouncountymi.gov) or 480-980-2959.

**AGENDA** – Additions/Deletions: None

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Resignation-Planning Commission – John Dietz – John provided his resignation having served 20 years on the planning commission. He expressed gratitude and stated it was an honor to serve. Thank you, John for your years of dedication and service.  
Dispatch Calls and User Fees – Township received documentation of the number of calls received for Fredonia and other townships.

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**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:** December 19, 2022

Terry made a motion and Kyler supported to approve the December 19, 2022 minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT-**

JC provided Revenue and Expenditure report with % of budget used as of 12/31/22 and discussed that the board review the line items that are close to exceeding the budget.

**FILE FOR AUDIT**

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**READING OF THE BILLS** by Cathy Combs

Bill listing presented and reviewed by board as of 12/27/22 totaling \$24,230.14. Kyler made a motion and Terry supported to accept bill listing as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** There were 6 fire and 15 medical calls for the month of December 2022. Training for the month included: Adult behavioral and psychological problems, along with drug abuse and toxins. The department also went over ice rescue, equipment review and checks. Equipment: Fire Fighter Association just purchased some new ice rescue equipment, and a new positive pressure ventilation fan which will be installed on the truck within the next couple of weeks. The AFG Radio Grant sponsored by the Marshall Fire Department was not approved. Zach Taylor has just completed his medical first responder class and is waiting to take his National Registry Exam.

**Ambulance:** No report

**Road:** The road committee will meet February 7, 2023 to finalize 2023 projects.

**Cemetery:** Meeting to discuss township rates as rates are being increased by J. Brunner. There were burials at Lyon Lake Cemetery for the month of January.

**Zoning/Ordinance:** The new zoning master plan will be on the website soon.

**Code Enforcement:** Terry is working on a few issues in the township. If stray dogs or issue with dogs, please contact dispatch to report and handle.

**Fredonia Planning Commission:** Next meeting will be January 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m. to discuss short rentals and solar.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**\*ARPA Funds:**

Parking Lot – pending until Spring and additional quotes

Roof – Estimates needed

Camera/Security – Kyler is working on providing a quote

Fire Department Floor: Jacob did obtain the revised bid from QEI adding 7 mix bags, \$13,633. JC made a motion and Kyler supported to approve the additional amount adding 7 sack mix with saw cuts for control joints. Motion carried unanimously.

Flooring Kitchen and Hall – Doug had someone look at both floors and reported that the floor in the kitchen does need to be replaced, estimates would be obtained. The hall floor needs to be buffed but is not that bad of shape at this time.

**\*Hall painting:** Doug contacted Travis Winchell, and to include the chair closet and vestibule is \$80 and sand/stain the church pew is \$35. The new total would be \$595 which is well under the next closest bid for \$1200. Kyler made motion and Terry supported to approve the additional \$115 to complete the painting of the hall and refurbish the church pew. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Fire Truck Body Repair:** Phil provided 3 estimates to repair rust spots on the 2013 Fire Truck: Collision Center – Marshall, \$970.56; Evergreen \$699; Boshears Ford, \$2,443.50. JC made a motion and Kyler supported to approve the estimate provided by Evergreen RV Collision in the amount of \$699. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Audit:** Clerk and Supervisor reported the audit went well and awaiting the final report. Next audit will be completed in October.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*FD Gear:** Phil advised that 2 Firefighters need new gear and wanted to know that if the amount to replace could be from the ARPA funds, discussion held that there is funding available in the equipment fund and there several items needing to be replaced thru the ARPA fund. Quotes needed to review further.

**\*Park Fund:** There is an additional \$4823.35 to be received soon. Doug will contact Doug Ferral to discuss and submit paperwork by the end of January.

**Public Comment:** Suggestion to email copies of minutes to board prior to meeting. Kelly Fitzpatrick, CISD attending the meeting to learn about the township. Suggestion to keep LARA on old business until contact has been made.

**Board Comment:** Discussed hall chairs: 60 chairs are broken or ripped seats and board to review what to do with the chairs.

**Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM**

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Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

**Cathy Combs, Township Clerk** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 1/19/23

**Doug Damon, Township Supervisor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**