**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting**

**April 15, 2024 6:30 PM**

**Fredonia Township Hall**

**8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068**

MINUTES

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

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

[x]  Terry Travis, Code Enforcement Officer

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:** Led by D. Damon

**AGENDA** – Additions/Deletions: None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:** March 18, 2024

T. Day made a motion and J. Skowron supported to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

  **APPROVED AS READ**

**FINANCIAL REPORT-**

J. Skowron advised that percentages are good and this is the final quarter of budget year and suggest that everyone review need vs. want so not to go over budget. J. Skowron is looking at a Fraud policy with Huntington @$45 per month.

 **FILE FOR AUDIT**

**READING OF THE BILLS** by **Cathy Combs**

An invoice register report was presented and reviewed by the board. Invoice for completed electrical from A-1 Electric that was not included with the bid from Garage Doors Unlimited and ARPA funds in the amount $1,285 that will need board approval. Terry made a motion and J. Skowron supported to approve the reading of the bills and the invoice for A-1 Electric-$1,285 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

  **APPROVED AS READ**

**REPORTS:**

**FIRE**: There were 18 fire and 6 medical calls for the month of March, 2024. The following continuing education sessions were completed: Chest and Abdominal injuries, structural fire preplan, and small equipment maintenance. In addition, search and rescue training with Marengo, Marshall Twp. and Marshall City of Marshall Twp. Transmission lines had to be replaced on Engine 8. Golf outing is on June 22, 2024 at Marshall Country Club.

**AMBULANCE**: Report by K. Huestis and read by D. Damon: Calls were down to 392 this past month. The ambulance board members have donated to the Fredonia Township annual golf outing to sponsor a hole. Discussion every month on the budget to keep up with the rising cost of medical care. Budget is looking in line as projected.

**CEMETERY**: 1 burial at Lyon Lake cemetery – Dave Sebring, Township Supervisor for 20 years and longtime firefighter when the fire department started.

**ROADS**: G. Crandall – next meeting is May 14 at 7pm, will look at potential project for 2025. Invoice received for 2024 project.

**ZONING/ORDINANCE**: There will be a public hearing on 5/15/24

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**: T. Travis reported that residents on A. Drive South/15 Mile are now able to start cleaning up after father’s passing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

\***ARPA Spreadsheet**: Updated ARPA spreadsheet needs to show the server replacement $3,880 and $1285 for electrical on handicap doors to new total is $21,054.81. The board has agreed to install new fire department doors vs. repairing in the amount of $17,800. At this time, we will wait to allocate the remaining funds.

**NEW BUSINESS**

\*Road Millage for August 6, 2024 ballot: Discussion held on the verbiage for the millage and D. Damon will review with attorney. Kyler made a motion to approve the recommendation from attorney on dollar amount or leave out and only use 1 mill renewal. The county needs by May 14, 2024.

 **FREDONIA TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE**

Shall Fredonia Township impose a renewal of 1 mill ($1.00 per $1,000.00 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for seven years, 2025 through 2031, inclusive, for township road construction and improvement purposes, with a one mill renewal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (for any new issues) – County Commissioner Tommy Miller advised he is running for County Drain Commissioner. He provided input of why he voted no on Parks and Recreation renewal as he feels that townships should be able to spend their resident’s tax money how they want to spend it.

\*Discussion held on liability of going on the private road that is not safe for fire trucks and D. Damon will discuss with attorney

**BOARD COMMENT (TIME LIMIT-3 MINUTES PER ISSUE PER PERSON**) –

\*T. Day supports discussing with attorney on safety of private road with fire truck

\*C. Combs advised special election is 5/7/24; wanted to remind board of asphalt upkeep and 4/23/24 is deadline for filing for township and county positions.

**ADJOURNMENT**: **Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM**

Minutes prepared by C. Combs

**Cathy Combs, Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 16, 2024**

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