

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting
December 19, 2022 6:30 PM
Fredonia Township Hall
8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068**

MINUTES

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:

Tommy Miller, will start as the 7th District County Commissioner in January. He announced that Senior Services has Merry Mile passes to give to County residents. Commissioners are reviewing road funds and a proposal to limit funds to smaller districts and he will not be voting in favor for this proposal. There is a broadband survey on the CalhounCountyMI.org website that Tommy encourages residents to complete. Board thanked Tommy for attending the meetings and providing updates.

Diane Thompson will begin as our County Commission in January. Diane is here to assist with any questions or concerns.

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions: Master Plan

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH: November 21, 2022

Terry made a motion and Kyler supported to approve the November 21, 2022 minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously. Phil mentioned in public comments that on page 2 of the minutes **Rescue Equipment (jaws) Expense and Hose Testing** the cost is between \$1200-1500 of an increase from last year - clerk added same.

AMENDED AND APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT-

JC provided Revenue and Expenditure report with % of budget used as of 11/30/22.

FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS by Cathy Combs

Bill listing presented and reviewed by board as of 11/29/22, totaling \$638,666.18. The AFG Grant in the amount of \$582,140 is included which was received by the IRS. Terry made a motion and JC supported to accept bill listing as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AS READ

REPORTS:

Fire Department: There were 9 fire and 5 medical calls for the month of November, 2022. Training for the month included: Pediatric airway management and Pediatric Behavioral Emergencies, Brush 8 and Squad 8 were switched over for winter weather, also trained on small equipment. Engine 8 fuel tank has been repaired and all extrication equipment has been serviced, pedal cutter had to be sent out for repair and has been returned and put back in service. No updated information on the radio grant at this time. Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

Ambulance: Ken Huestis reported 451 calls for the month of November. All the MFR students passed their midterm exams. Clarendon Township donated \$7000 to MAFFAA to purchase body armor so now all the ambulances are equipped with bulletproof vest and helmets. MAFFAA donated \$500 to Medalist Golf club to use towards the new tax exemption that the Medalist is obtaining.

Road: The road committee will meet February 7, 2023.

Cemetery: Sexton Allard discussed upkeep of plots and have received a few complaints regarding left over items, items on the grave over spilling into where mowing takes place and will review cemetery rules and put up signage with the rules of the cemetery.

Zoning/Ordinance: None

Code Enforcement: Terry Travis reported the trailer in Wildwood is almost removed due to the fire. Received a new complaint regarding remains of the fire on G. Drive and will review with Building Inspector.

Fredonia Planning Commission: Next meeting will be in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

***ARPA Funds:** Doug advised that township can start with spending funds allocated from ARPA.

Fire department cement floor – Jacob will obtain the revised bid from QEI adding 7 mix bags and determine when he will be able to start.

Security: Kyler is working on a quote for installation of cameras at the township.

Web: Anne Crandall has volunteered to take over the website and Carl will assist for the next couple of months. Terry made a motion and Cathy supported to allow Anne access to the web, train with Carl for next couple of months and begin transition in updating the website as needed for the township. Motion carried unanimously.

***Hall painting:** Doug contacted Travis Winchell, paint is from Sherwin Williams and verified quote included hall, kitchen, doors and hall to bathroom. Kyler made a motion and Terry supported to accept the bid for painting the hall in the amount of \$480. Motion carried unanimously.

***Audit:** Ross will be at the township on 12/21/22.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Appointments:**

BOR: Appointments are every 2 years. Recommendation is Andrea Boughton, Anne Crandall and Tyler Burghdorf with alternate of Adam Fish.

Assessor Kathryn Wright will work with Nick Siegel on transitioning into our township. JC made a motion and Terry supported to appoint the above members to the BOR. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission- 3 year term. Doug made a recommendation to appoint Jill Settineri and Bob Zalewski to the planning commission. Cathy made a motion and JC supported to appoint Jill and Bob to the planning commission for the 3 year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Doug made a recommendation to appoint Dan Washburn, Bob Zalewski and Terry Day to the ZBA board. 1st Alternate: Jacob Washburn; 2nd Alternate: Jill Settineri. Cathy made a motion and JC supported to appoint the above members to the ZBA board. Motion carried unanimously.

***Fire Truck Body Repair:** Phil advised there are 2 spots the size of golf balls on each side of the 8 year old rescue truck and recommends obtaining estimates for repairs. Phil will obtain 2 bids by next meeting.

***Master Plan:** George reported that the planning commission met on 12/1/22 and five residents attended the meeting. Residents did not have any questions for the planning commission. Master Plan started in 2018 and there were quite a few changes made mainly to the verbiage in the plan. No changes to land use maps as Fredonia and Calhoun County continues to lose population. George stated that the plans were sent to surrounding townships and the City of Marshall. The planning commission recommendation is to approve the new Master Plan for future use. Cathy made a motion and Terry supported to approve the Master Plan as presented by the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Terry – Yes; JC – Yes; Doug – Yes; Cathy – Yes; Kyler – Yes. Motion carried unanimously. Thank you to Robert Hawley and the Planning Commission for meeting and updating the master plan.

Public Comment: Resident wanted to know if any progress with LARA on potential marijuana grower on C. Drive S. and possible construction without a building permit. Suggestion is to send a letter advising opting out and building permits.

Board Comment: Review of solar power in township during next planning commission is important.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk _____

Date: 12/21/22

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor _____

Date: