

**Fredonia Township Board Special Meeting
May 7, 2026 5:00 PM
Fredonia Township Hall
8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS present: Terry Day, Supervisor Meg Bosserd, Clerk Kyler Speaker, Treasurer
 Cathy Combs, Trustee John Miller, Trustee

STAFF present Phil Damon, Fire Chief Jacob Washburn, Deputy Supervisor/FD Training Officer
 Doug Damon, Sexton George Crandall, Twp. Planning Committee
 Terry Travis, Code Enforcement Officer Carl Fowler, Zoning Administrator & Permit Coordinator
 Ben Lark, Chairman Parks and Recreation

CALL TO ORDER: T. Day called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by all.

ROLL CALL: Present: Cathy Combs, Meg Bosserd, Terry Day, Kyler Speaker, John Miller Absent: None

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Audit Firm:** M. Bosserd left a message with Taylor, Plant & Watkins. Paul Plant returned the call and explained they were no longer taking any audit clients. M. Bosserd received very positive feedback on the audit firm Siegfried Crandall PC from Leroy Township’s Deputy Supervisor and Supervisor and Newton Township’s Clerk.

K. Speaker made a motion and C. Combs supported to engage Siegfried Crandall PC for the 2025-2026 audit year.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Aye": Cathy Combs, Meg Bosserd, Terry Day, Kyler Speaker, John Miller

"Nay": None.

T. Day declared the motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Consideration of Fire Millage:** M. Bosserd read a **draft** of Resolution No: 26-3 (attached). Board discussed overall budget, amount of millage, timing, potential voter reaction, and length of millage.

K. Speaker made a motion and J. Miller supported Resolution No. 26-3 to adopt fire protection millage ballot language with the following amendments and for M. Bosserd to submit it to be placed on the August 4, 2026, election ballot (attached):

- 1) In paragraph 3, replace the word "operation" with "equipment"
- 2) Ballot language – replace "twenty (20)" with "two (2)".
- 3) Ballot language – replace "2026-2045" with "2026-2027".

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

"Aye": John Miller, Kyler Speaker, Terry Day, Meg Bosserd

"No": Cathy Combs

T. Day declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted with 4 ayes and 1 no.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for any new issues): None.

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

*J. Miller and T. Day asked Fire Chief Phil Damon if he thought the Fire Department would get behind this millage. P. Damon explained they planned on having an Open House to discuss the millage two weeks before the August 4th election.

*K. Speaker explained the goal is to serve the township residents and support the Fire Department.

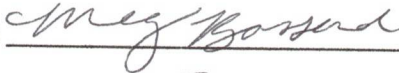
*M. Bosserd said the township is in a tough spot with the timing of the two different fire millages.

*C. Combs explained that she still had questions and this felt rushed. She's not against a fire protection millage, but said the timing is wrong. She doesn't think one-half (.5) mills for two years will accomplish what we want it to and worries that residents will get voter fatigue from a fire protection millage appearing on the ballot in 2026 and potentially again in 2028.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.

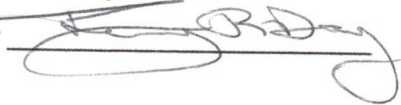
Minutes prepared by M. Bosserd

Meg Bosserd, Township Clerk



Date: 5/19/24

Terry Day, Township Supervisor



Date: 5/20/24

**TOWNSHIP OF FREDONIA
CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the Township of Fredonia operates a Fire Department to provide fire protection services within the Township, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the property owners and the residents of the Township to secure a stable source of funding for fire protection services; and

WHEREAS, the current fire equipment millage expired in 2025 and the Township needs to secure funding for the operation and continuation of fire protection services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township Board of the Township of Fredonia approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 4, 2026, election ballot:

TOWNSHIP OF FREDONIA

MILLAGE TO FUND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Shall the Township of Fredonia impose an increase of up to one-half (.5) mills (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the Township tax levy limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for two (2) years inclusive, 2026 – 2027, for fire protection services, including, but not limited to, maintenance and operation of the Fredonia Township Fire Department and the purchase and housing of fire apparatus and equipment, which one-half (.5) mills increase will raise an estimated \$50,866.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

[] Yes


[] No

The resolution was offered by Kyler Speaker and seconded by John Miller.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Aye": John Miller, Kyler Speaker, Terry Day, Margaret Bosserd


Upon roll call vote the following voted: "No": Cathy Combs

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.


Margaret Bosserd
Fredonia Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Margaret Bosserd, the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of Fredonia hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board by a roll call vote at a special meeting of the Township Board held on May 7th, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present; and which meeting was held in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act and noticed accordingly.


Margaret Bosserd
Fredonia Township Clerk