

**Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting**  
**March 15, 2021 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  Ken Heustis, 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

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:**

**AGENDA** – Additions/Deletions: None

Doug opened up the meeting with a thank you to Dave Tackett for keeping the township clean during the pandemic.

Tommy Miller provided and update on local road projects.

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

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:**

Motion made by Terry and supported by Ken to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2021 board meeting.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT-**

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial report for board review.

**FILE FOR AUDIT**

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**READING OF THE BILLS** by CATHY COMBS

NO CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

Discussion held on bill received for 3 grants written by JW2 Fire Consultants, discussed prior board approval and \$500 limit of authorizing any payments. Board approved all bills including JW2 Fire Consultants.

Motion made by Ken and supported by Terry to accept the *Reading of the Bills* as read.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** Phil reported 5 fire calls and 7 medical calls for the month of February 2021. Fire Department held CPR renewal, Narcan, I-gel supraglottic airway and epi pen training. Firefighter Dan Cole and Phil worked with strategic fire conducting the flow test and the SCBA's. Fire department has a few units that were unrepairable due to age, and eleven tanks that are now out of service due to age.

Annual golf outing will be held at the Marshall Country Club on June 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Phil also reported that he has been in contact with Eaton Proving Grounds regarding purchasing a "fire blanket" for electric vehicles. They will be sending the township \$2500 to order the fire blanket. We would like to send a special thank you to Eaton Proving Grounds for the purchase of this equipment.

**Ambulance:** Ken reported that new ambulance arrived and is being certified for operation.

**Roads:** Meeting held on March 10, 2021 and committee has 2 recommendations and will discuss in new business.

**County Planning:** None

**Cemetery:** Doug advised 1 burial-Houston and 2 lots sold at Houston Cemetery.

**Zoning/Ordinance:** None

**Fredonia Planning Commission:** Meeting/public hearing scheduled for March 25, 2021, 7:00 PM to review conditional use permit from ITC.

**Board of Review:** The petitions were handed in or mailed in this year. The petitioners

**Finance:** Will meet once budget information provided.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**\*2021 Lawn Mowing Bids:** At this time, there are 7 bids received for mowing of Lyon Lake, Houston and Lutheran cemeteries. After board discussion, JC moved and Cathy supported to have Ken and Terry review, approve bids and advise board of selection. This will allow time for selection and start of mowing season. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Library Internet Access:** Internet has been up and running since February 25, 2021. It has a good signal and if needed, can connect while inside for a meeting. All questions are to be directed to Matt at the Library 269-781-7821.

**\*Parks Millage:** Township will keep millage money in a fund that will be created once check has been received from Calhoun County. They advised we can hold on to the money then use it, let it go back to the county to be equally divided among the municipalities or we could designate it to go to a municipality that would be close to Fredonia Township residents.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Fire: Assistant Fire Chief Resignation:** Will Inman turned in his resignation effective April 1, 2021 and has accepted a position as Captain. With regrets, JC moved and Cathy supported to accept Will Inman's resignation as Assistant Fire Chief. Cathy thanked Will for his service as Assistant Fire Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Appointment of Assistant Fire Chief:** Chief Damon presented a letter stating that a special fire meeting was held to discuss the resignation of Will Inman as Assistant Fire Chief. After discussion with the firefighters, a recommendation to appoint Ken Huestis as the new Assistant Fire Chief effective April 1, 2021 was presented by Fire Chief Damon. Cathy moved and JC supported the appointment of Ken Huestis as the new Assistant Fire Chief. Ken Abstained, motion carried.

**\*Budget Adjustment: Inspectors Salary:** BA needed in order to pay inspectors for permits received. Cathy is recommending \$3000 from revenue received. Cathy moved and supported by Ken to complete a budget adjustment in the amount of \$3000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Road Project:** George discussed recommendations presented by committee to pave 18 Mile Road from F. Drive, which is north of the Township Line and split with Eckford Township. \$49,384. Also, chip and seal Lyon Lake Road. Discussion held as to when the last time Lyon Lake Road was paved and Doug will verify and will bring to board for a vote in April. Doug moved and supported by Ken to approve the road project on 18 Mile Road sharing costs with Eckford totaling \$49,384. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution: My Place at Twin Valley LLC Drinking Water Supply System:** Per Rule 1705 of the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399), a privately owned Type I water supply is required to obtain a proof of refusal from the local governing entity. This proof of refusal is showing that the local governing entity refuses to accept ownership or operational responsibility of the water supply. Twin Valley is privately owned Type I water supply and is requesting this proof of refusal from Fredonia Township. Board Resolution #2021-02 as follows:

**FREDONIA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD RESOLUTION # 2021-02**

WHEREAS, My Place at Twin Valley LLC owns and operates a drinking water system serving My Place at Twin Valley located at 16555 F. Drive South Section 14, Town 3 South Range 6 West and,

WHEREAS, My Place at Twin Valley possesses the ability and willingness to continue effective operation and maintenance of said system; and

WHEREAS, Fredonia Township recognizes the need for effective and continued operation and maintenance of said system to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, Fredonia Township deems it impractical for the Township to own, operate, and administer this particular drinking water supply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fredonia Township refuses to accept ownership of or operation, maintenance, and administrative responsibilities for said particular drinking water supply. Fredonia Township endorses the application of My Place at Twin Valley LLC to continue these responsibilities under state permit.

The foregoing Resolution moved by Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Supported by Board Member: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Fredonia at its meeting held on March 15, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Township Clerk

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Dated

Cathy resolved the above and supported by JC. Roll call vote: Terry: Yes; JC: Yes; Doug: Yes; Cathy: Yes; Ken: Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Lyon Lake Cemetery Sign:** After discussion and no leads on where the other replacement sign is at this time, Roger Smith volunteered to repair the existing sign. No concerns and board thanked Roger for his time and efforts.

**GIS Pictometry:** Guest Brent Thelen, Calhoun County GIS Manager discussed the use and importance of aerial imagery used by Assessors, Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, area fire departments and townships. This started in 2019 so the county is prorating the cost of this 5 year program. The cost in 2 installments is \$2169.67 and due May 1, 2021 and May 1, 2022. County will be emailing invoices in April. After board discussion, Ken moved and Cathy supported to opt in to the GIS Pictometry to be used by Assessor, Zoning Administrator and/or township. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution-Fire Association 501-C3:** Fire Department presented a resolution needed for recognizing the Fredonia Fire Association as a 501-C3. Cathy resolved and Terry supported that Fredonia Township recognize that the Fredonia Township Fire Association operate as a 501-C3 in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses. Roll call vote: Terry: Yes; JC: Yes; Doug: Yes; Cathy: Yes; Ken: Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Cemetery Clean Up Day:** Doug reviewed about having the honor students at Marshall High School help with cleaning up the cemeteries. Also, for anyone who would be interested in the community. This day will be April 10.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** None

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**Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM**  
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Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

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**Cathy Combs, Township Clerk**  
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**3/22/2021**

**Date**  
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**Doug Damon, Township Supervisor**

**Date**

**FREDONIA TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2021-01**

**(a Resolution establishing the Federal Poverty Guidelines and Asset Test used in the determination of Poverty Exemptions for 2021)**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Board hereby officially established the Federal Poverty Guidelines and the Township Asset Test as used in Determination of Poverty Exemptions For 2021 as recommended by the State of Michigan.

**See attached**

Moved by: Terry      Supported by: Ken

Supervisor, Damon - Yes      Trustee – T. Day    Yes

Clerk, Combs -      Absent      Trustee – K. Huestis    Yes

Treasurer, Skowron - Yes

I, Cathy J. Combs, Fredonia Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Board on February 15, 2021 per minutes received by Deputy Clerk, Laura Miller.