

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting
May 16, 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 Ken Huestis, 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

CALL TO ORDER: Doug

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions: Doug – janitorial needs at the end under new business

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Laura Miller – Consumer’s Energy provided a letter and map of where they are going to be trimming trees.

Tommy Miller: Share that the county plans to grind up 18 ½ and 2 ½ mile road as the county cannot afford to maintain them. These are primary roads. Policies need to be developed as we have an obligation to keep up the roads. More townships than ever are putting aside money in their budgets to keep the roads maintained. There is a meeting on Thursday, May 19 at 7pm at the County Building 3rd floor in Marshall, on Green Street where there will be additional discussion on the roads. Encourage everyone to attend.

Marijuana: Doug reached out to LARA regarding obnoxious odor complaints from some Fredonia residents. He also left voicemail for Jennifer and the State Police. Katie Kauffman who works with our attorney, will inform Seth of our situation. Property ID, person’s name and address will be sent to our attorney and they will send a letter to the residence sending the odors. Fredonia is on the Opt Out List in the State of Michigan. We will make sure everything is properly defined. Doug called Robert. Robert was going to call Katie this afternoon. Then law enforcement will go out to see how many plants are growing and if they have a license to do so. Fredonia Resident/Jim said he spoke with owner when he first moved in and he didn’t seem approachable. He’s not there often.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH: April 18, 2022 and Special Board Meeting April 26, 2022

Motion to approve: Ken Huestis/Terry Day both sets of minutes, no discussion, everyone approved.

APPROVED AS READ

FINANCIAL REPORT-

JC explained that her report is showing comparison to the budget and that she expanded a separate worksheet that she will show Doug tomorrow for prorated which will help us calculate budget for next year. Then take a 5-year average on what's been spent and earned.

FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS Motion to approve bills: JC Skowron/Terry Day, no discussion, every approved

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REPORTS:

Fire Department:

No written report as Phil was having printer issues: two fire runs and two medical runs for April. Training – finished at proving grounds, extrication training with Newton, equipment. Spoke with Cummins in GR – looking at Engine 8 total overhaul, putting head back together today with completion by end of this week, Squad 8 needs in right away for engine light. No new info on radio grants. Currently, the dept. is preparing for annual golf outing on June 18. Phil is asking to know how much money is left in fire budget in order to get vehicles serviced, oil change etc. or wait to see for July 1. Estimate on tire replacement is \$7000.

Ambulance: Meeting was primarily about budget discussion about all the line items and to plan for increases for next year such as fuel and wages. 259 more calls than last year this time, short staffed, etc.

Road: All set for this year's projects. Hoping to do something big for next year like C Drive because it's well used for 2023. The following year would be a millage – May 2024, C Drive to 14 ½,

Cemetery: No burials this past month. Doug would like the community to help put out flags for the Veterans on Sunday, May 22 at 2:30pm. Meet at the Lyon Lake Cemetery. Laura will post an invitation on township Facebook page to encourage residents to volunteer. Phil volunteered for Houston, Charlie – Lutheran,

Zoning/Ordinance: no new business

Fredonia Planning Commission: Finished the Master Plan and Updated Zoning to match the Master Plan. Will be sending to board with four attachments and new map. No changes to the future map. Current map has a few minor changes. Has to go to planning commissions in the local townships. Will need a Public Hearing 62 days in advance.

OLD BUSINESS:

***FDIC:** This comes into play if a bank were to collapse and it also depends on how bank accounts are set up. \$250,000 guarantee if the banks collapses. It would be rare a bank to collapse but Gary at the bank said he would be happy to attend a future meeting to explain and answer any questions. JC will set up. JC doesn't believe we need to move any money at this time.

***Security:** Awaiting estimates

***Mausoleum:** Contacted Cathy and Doug – stand still, Jacob, Phil and Doug to meet to see what we would allow

***Reconciliation:** Needs to make adjustments due to bank error

***Equipment Sales – Fire Department:** Haven't heard from Ken Ross regarding used items, will sell tires as they are 11 years old, should replace at 10 years,

***LARA – Marijuana discussion from earlier**

NEW BUSINESS:

***AFG Grant - Radios:** No updates (July/Aug/Sept) *City of Marshall – Lyon Lake Lights – JC – Lyon Lake missed a few residents and provided Cathy a list. Address weeds with lights, pricing increases for weeds, when can adjust the rates that we put in the tax base for Lyon Lake residents, lights and/or weeds, how do we want to change moving forward. We have enough fund balance to cover May/June. Suggested we speak with auditor – Doug. JC will clarify with Cathy list that was received and referencing other items. Is it annually, biannually or every five years?

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***August Meeting** – last year we didn’t have any agenda items for August and Cathy is busy with the fair, so it was decided to skip an August meeting unless something pressing needed to be addressed.

Janitorial: Dave Tackett – having physical limitations requiring surgery in a few weeks and then will need additional three weeks for recovery. Dave would like to be replaced temporarily. He has done a great job. Jimmy Dillon is available to clean in the interim. JC Skowron/Terry Day supported. Wage should be the same rate of pay.

Lyn Hankey presented that he is running for Calhoun County Commissioner – District 6 – Fredonia. His values are transparency, common sense, and honesty. He was born and raised on a farm, Marshall HS graduate, and owned a hunting/fishing store in Marshall for 9 years. He is a veteran. He shared there are challenges ahead of us such as small businesses need to be supported, law enforcement and EMS need support, farmers need support, potential food shortages, and proposing concentration on road repairs so that EMS and farmers can get down the road.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:56 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

Laura Miller, Township Deputy Clerk _____

Date: 6/16/22

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor _____

Date: