

**Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting**  
**September 21, 2020 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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** Clarification of Weed fund/policies and procedures in place, follow statutory for PA 188

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** Calhoun County Parks & Recreation: Doug advised with approved mileage from August ballot, Fredonia would receive monies and that a representative would be meeting to discuss options and would provide more information. Marshall District Library: Cathy explained that the library received a grant to provide internet service to families in Fredonia Township and would like to leave the equipment inside township and library will provide technical support and any costs related to their equipment. This would provide an opportunity for residents to utilize internet access who do not have access at home.

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**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:**

Motion made by JC and supported by Ken to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 board meeting.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT-**

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial report for review.

**FILE FOR AUDIT**

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**READING OF THE BILLS** by Cathy Combs

NO CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

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

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** Phil Damon advised there were 6 fire calls and 9 medical calls for this month. The department held small engine, hazmat refresher and water supply training. Fire department assisted with directing traffic during the antique tractor cancer drive.

**Ambulance:** Ken reported the process has started to fill position due to a retirement.

**Roads:** Doug discussed the County's 5 year plan and November 10 meeting.

**County Planning:** None

**Cemetery:** Doug advised 3 foundations put in this month and 3 burials. He has had numerous calls of people searching graves of their loved ones. Doug is reviewing any graves that have dirt sinking in Lyon Lake cemetery. Discussion held on a community cleanup day in October and then will review paying \$16 per hour if no response from community.

**Zoning/Ordinance:**

**Fredonia Planning Commission:** Doug advised that the hearing for mining conditional use permit will be Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

**Board of Review:** None

**Finance:** A meeting will be tentatively scheduled in October.

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**Old Business:**

**Snow Plowing/shoveling:** Doug advised that the Washburn's are willing to continue snow plowing substation #2 and shoveling sidewalk at township for same as last year. Also, Rodney Maurer will submit contract for snowplowing at the same price as 2019. Contracts to be signed and are forthcoming.

**Lyon Lake/City Water Well:** Electric on well paid by water resources and will obtain more information so decision can be made prior to submitting winter taxes.

**Lyon Lake Lights:** Will review as well prior to submitting winter taxes.

**Fire Truck Loan:** Township is working with Southern Michigan Bank and Trust to secure loan for approximately June 2021. Monthly payments for 8 years and selling truck once Phil goes out for final inspection of new truck. Board needs to vote to borrow money and lock in the interest rate of 2.25%. Cathy moved to finance with Southern Michigan Bank and Trust for the purchase of two new fire trucks in the amount of \$550,000. The financing will be for 8 years, 2.25% interest with monthly payments. The board will have Treasurer, JC Skowron and Supervisor, Doug Damon sign on behalf of Fredonia Township. Terry supported motion. Roll call vote: Cathy-Yes; Ken-Yes; JC-Yes; Terry-Yes and Doug-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Lyon Lake Special Assessment:** Association has submitted 5 year budget over weekend and board has not reviewed. Board will review and JC will provide percentage and policy so decision can be made prior to submitting winter taxes.

**Marshall District Library:** Ken made motion with support from Terry to allow the library to provide internet access to residents with their equipment secured in township. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** Cathy advised \$5,000 grant awarded for expenses incurred with elections.

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**Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM**

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Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

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**Cathy Combs, Township Clerk**                      **Date**

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