

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2022 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 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

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:**

**GUESTS: Diane Thompson**, District 6 County Commissioner candidate expressed her interest in working together and improving roads so we can be the best community.

**Sheriff Hinkley**, is touching base with townships. The Sheriff discussed the hiring shortage and recently adding officers thru the local college. The department appreciates words of encouragement being passed on to the office and encourages the community to say kind words to provide support to law enforcement and encourage kids to go into law enforcement. We all need each other. There were a few questions from township residents and the response was SWET, used to have two people and now zero people that cover that team. Many townships are struggling with illegal growing of marijuana and townships are handling through their enforcement officer. They have been working on child neglect issues. Consider calling the health department for sanitation concerns.

**AGENDA – Additions/Deletions:** Tech Support/Website-Old Business

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

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** Flu Vaccine Clinic w/COVID 19 Booster Vaccine to be held at the Tekonsha Fire Department on October 8 – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Donation request received from the City of Marshall to support the Eaton Park Phase 1 Marshall Area Pickleball Project and will be given to Parks committee.

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**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:**

June 20, 2022 Minutes: Corrections: Clerk revised the \$10,260.58 payment to CSI (\$7,191.45 truck inspections/\$3069.13 repairs to engine 8), copies of the invoice with the bills provided to the board (check #10374). Clerk advised that all the invoices came in together and reminded that explanation on the invoice with department numbers as well is needed when submitted for payment. Terry made a motion and JC supported to approve the June 20, 2022 as printed. 3 Ayes; 1 Abstention; Motion passed as amended.

August 22, 2022:

Terry made motion and JC supported to approve August 22, 2022 minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT-**

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial reports as of 8/31/22. Treasurer expressed that residents appreciated that she was open the Saturday prior to taxes due. Discussion held on reports needed to show balances for fund accounts and tax collections.

**FILE FOR AUDIT**

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**READING OF THE BILLS by Cathy Combs**

Bill listing presented and reviewed by board as of 8/25/2022 totaling \$13,334.64. Motion made by JC and supported by Terry to approve bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** Phil reported 10 fire and 3 medical calls for the month of August 2022. Training for the month included extrication, SCBA and medical training to identify the five types of shock and how to treat soft tissue injuries. Equipment: Turnout pants and coats have been received from the grant. No updated information on the radio grant, sponsored by the Marshall Fire Department. Phil and Mike Russell attended a meeting regarding the 911 mileage expected to begin 2024. Thank you to Mike Russell for scraping, priming and painting the entrance door to the fire department.

**Ambulance:** Report read by Doug and prepared by Ken: Fall MFR class has 21 students. Turtle Creek donated \$3,350 that replaced all the beds in the station 1 in Marshall. The department approved \$209,334 for the new ambulance from Kodiak emergency vehicles with approximately a 700 day delivery. There were about 401 calls for the month.

**Road:** Road projects are in full swing. Lyon Lake to have the roads stripped soon.

**Cemetery:** Sexton Allard reported 1 burial and is working on matching the boards with all the plots as they are not matching at this time. Sexton Allard reported that this is a tasking job and will need assistance in updating the records. Jacob and Clerk Cathy will assist the Sexton with updating. Discussion held on evaluating township personnel. Sexton is working on completing the foundations for this year.

**Zoning/Ordinance:** Robert Hawley meeting with a couple to determine zoning issue.

**Code Enforcement:** Terry Travis reported that he is working on the removal of a condemned trailer who is asking for extension and in processing of selling the trailer.

**Fredonia Planning Commission:** Master Plan public hearing will be posted in this week's advisor and hearing will be on December 1 at 6 p.m.. Letters will be sent to surrounding townships as well.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**\*Security:** Doors have been installed and Doors Unlimited to finish the trim and threshold. The electric mechanism was additional \$3,000 and can be completed later if board decides to install. Discussion held on cameras and security glass.

**\*Parks:** Discussion held on asking township residents for ideas and solicit up to 7 committee members to advise how to use the money, give the money to surrounding townships or give back to the county. A post will be on the website asking for input and community to serve on the committee.

**\*Parking Lot:** Doug advised he had 2 bids provided to sealcoat, repair cracks and paint lines, AIM-\$12,059.46; Quality Asphalt, \$11,730. In addition, 2 more bids received to repave the parking lot. Quality Asphalt: \$60, 160 and Reith-Riley, \$74,645.70. Discussion held to obtain quotes for additional projects prior to deciding if seal coating or paving the parking lot. Floor in fire department, 1 quote received and Jacob will advised tomorrow night that another estimate needed.

**\*Foundations/Cremations:** Sexton Allard is working with Jacob and Randy Combs in setting the immediate need of foundations.

**\*Snow Removal:** Ad has been placed for 2 weeks and Cathy will reach out to Dustin Maurer advising accepting bids at this time for the 2022-2023 seasons.

**\*Tech Support/Web:** Discussion held on updating the web and obtaining estimate for tech support as need when computers are not working.

**Public Comment:** Resident understands that the state licensing is aware of the marijuana grower in the township and asked if any progress. Suggestion made to send letter to LARA regarding townships position. Dan Livingston interested in Parks committee. Renting Hall: Laura Miller advises that she rents the hall on a regular basis and requests that renters review the map located in the room with the tables and chairs and return tables and chairs correctly.

**Board Comment:** Cathy is getting quotes for painting the inside of the hall and suggests board discuss bringing back the security deposit. Revenue could be used towards upgrades. Terry advises his computer isn't working and to contact if anything needs attention. Doug read the resignation letter submitted by Ken Huestis dated 9/1/22 but just received today. Ken is resigning as trustee effective October 1, 2022. Board discussion held on accepting resignation. Terry made motion and JC supported to accept the resignation from Ken Huestis effective 10/1/22. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk will put ad in the Advisor seeking a replacement after 10/1/22.

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**Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM**

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Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

**Cathy Combs, Township Clerk** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 9/20/22-Typed

**Doug Damon, Township Supervisor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**