

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting
February 21, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:

Guests: Prosecuting Attorney, Dave Gilbert discussed the role of his office and what is happening in the county.

County Commissioner, Tommy Miller provided an update with the roads.

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:

Motion made by JC and supported by Ken to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2022 meeting.

APPROVED AS READ

FINANCIAL REPORT-

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial report for board review.

FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS by **Cathy Combs**

Bill listing presented and reviewed by board 1/20/22-2/17/22 totaling \$13,923.46. Motion made by Terry and supported by Ken to approve bills as presented.

APPROVED AS READ

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Fire department reported 5 fire and 15 medical calls for the month of January 2022.

Training included: truck maintenance, equipment overview, airway and trauma training, along with our yearly renewal of I-Jel, narcan and epi pen. Fire department is receiving sponsorships and forms for their annual golf outing to be held on June 18, 2022.

Ambulance: Grant submitted to a solar panel company to provide assistance with hiring employees.

Road: Will discuss in new business

Cemetery: 1 Burial

Zoning/Ordinance: Working on letters to residents who need to pull permits

Fredonia Planning Commission: Working on maps of township

OLD BUSINESS:

***Code Enforcement Officer:** Discussed offering position to Terry Travis. Motion made by JC and supported by Ken to offer \$250 a month with availability to discuss open negotiation in regards to mileage. This would be reviewed at end of fiscal year 6/30/22. Motion carried unanimously.

***Township Sign:** Reviewed estimates received from Sign World Concepts, \$2338 (includes labor to install) and Signs & Design, \$2500 (does not include labor to install). Terry made motion and Ken supported to accept the bid from Sign World Concepts, \$2338. Motion carried unanimously.

***Audit:** Auditor Ross Sprague reviewed compilation audit conducted and provided insights on improvements and upward trends within our budget and records. He provided complimentary remarks to the township. He also reviewed the budgets and what is expected for restricted funds, discussed tax collected by township disbursed within 10 business days, reconciliation by end of following month, tax disbursements going to tax fund and a list of fire department assets.

***Security:** Still working on estimates for security with doors and window will be obtained.

***FDIC:** Will table until March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Roads:** Plan this year is to chip and seal 15 ½ to B. Drive South to J. Drive. Next meeting is 5/10/22.

***Eckford Township Fire Contract:** Motion made by Ken and supported by JC to provide contract totaling \$22,500 to Eckford Township fire services. Motion carried unanimously.

***Lawn Mowing:** Discussion held on checking with current individuals to see if still interested in mowing at township/fire department, fire sub-station 2, Lyon Lake, Lutheran and Houston cemetery. Ken and Terry will contact all contractors involved.

***Attorney:** Doug is reaching out to other townships and will search for new attorney.

***Fire Equipment Purchase:** Phil discussed the requirement for firefighters to have updated breathing apparatus as the National Fire Protection Association states the life span is 15 years. A S.C.B.A grant has been written and our share of the grant is \$5,600; T.I.C. on 14 packs is \$15,050. 2 packs not in the grant, \$16,150; RIT Pack system, 60 min. cylinder & rit bag \$6,000. 2 Hi-pressure trans-fill hose \$1,600; 4 face piece for trucks \$1,600; Charging station \$700; 4 spare batteries \$1,600; The amount of \$48,300 would be deducted from fire equipment fund. Approximately \$30,000 per year is collected on the fire equipment millage. More discussion will be held at the March meeting.

BOR Resolution: Resolution presented to approve alternate start date for the March Board of Review. See attached. Roll call vote: Ken: Yes; Cathy: Yes; Doug: Yes; JC: Yes; Terry: Yes.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Discussed Cathy cleaning facility due to absence of maintenance employee.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk _____

Date: 2/24/22

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor _____

Date: