

Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting
July 20, 2020 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 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Suggestion made on the use of \$5,000 from Firekeepers: updating appliances vs. monies in general fund.

CORRESPONDENCE: Eckford Fire Contract – Doug wanted to clarify that the contract received and because Eckford has a contract with Homer and Marengo that the breakdown with all townships is \$3,500 for apparatus and they are in agree that Fredonia can distribute \$6,000 towards apparatus as outlined in our budget.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:

Motion made by Ken and supported by Terry to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 board meeting.

APPROVED AS READ

FINANCIAL REPORT-

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial report for review and advised working on budget adjustments and summer tax preparation.

FILE FOR AUDIT

Guest: Tommy Miller, County Commissioner talked about upcoming primary election and activities in the county.

READING OF THE BILLS by Cathy Combs

NO CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

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

APPROVED AS READ

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Phil Damon advised there were 21 fire calls and 3 medical calls for this month. Extrication training was held with Rescue Resources using the new “combo tool”. Squad 8 truck will have repairs completed on the brakes and annual engine service. The annual golf outing was a success and held at the Marshall Country Club. Fire Department would like to thank all who took time to help and donate.

Ambulance: Ken reported that a portion paid to house 2 Marshall Ambulances in Tekonsha and almost done with refurbishing the ambulances for new equipment.

County Planning: None

Cemetery: Doug advised 2 burials this month and organizing some records. Asked if anyone is interested in assisting with the organization to let him know and would start this fall.

Zoning/Ordinance: Robert is working with planning commission on the conditional use permit regarding the mining.

Fredonia Planning Commission: George Crandall advised hearing set for mining conditional use permit for August 5. Reviewing Senate Bill 431 which will take the control regarding mining out of the hands of the township.

Board of Review: Meeting set for July 21, 2020, 7:00 PM

Finance: Potential committee meeting with individual board members and review of the final budget.

Old Business: Lyon Lake/City Water Well – Moved to August as still obtaining information

New Business:

Election Commission Appointment: Cathy advised that the inspectors have been selected and training went well.

Zoning Amendment: Robert discussed ITC, public hearing and zoning amendment having multiple steps, variances, simplified the process, more requirements on what project will look like and the timing etc. The committee worked on revising the language of the ordinances, definition of essential service buildings and how they conduct business. The hearing was held on June 24, 2020 and the committee recommends approving the essential service presented by ITC. Cathy and Terry moved to adopt the zoning amendment as presented. ITC verified all property owners have been notified. Roll call vote: Ken-Yes; Cathy-Yes; Doug-Yes; JC-Yes; Terry-Yes; Motion carried unanimously. Robert will notify Advisor regarding the amendment.

Guest: Jim Tedder from ITC came tonight to Thank Robert and the board for reviewing their request. Doug read a letter from Tom Tarkiewicz, Marshall City Manager on the proposed substation for ITC and the new substation could provide more power to township as well as City.

Firekeepers Donation: Suggestions made to apply money towards roof, appliances, etc. Also, Doug reviewed \$2,500 portion to Assessor and provided detailed documentation comparing to local townships, # of parcels. Board agreed money should be used for capital investment vs. salaries.

Public Comment:

*Salaries need to be outlined in Agenda

*Compliment made on the election training held this week and that it was the best training provided ever in the County, thank you Laura and Cathy for conducting the inspector training.

Board Comment:

*Cemetery comments should be brought to the board and not placed on social media. Current bid has weed whacking and mowing and Roger has donated 50 plus hours in hauling brush, etc.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

_____ 7/28/2020 _____
Cathy Combs, Township Clerk **Date**

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Doug Damon, Township Supervisor **Date**