

**Fredonia Township Special Meeting  
April 27, 2020 6:30 PM  
Teleconference/Electronic Meeting**

**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  Dianna Baker, Deputy Clerk/Cemetery Sexton  Pamela Jo Eastman, IT  Jacob Washburn, Deputy Supervisor/FD Training Officer  Dan Livingston Sr., Calhoun County Planning Commission  George Crandall, Twp. Planning Committee;  Robert Hawley, Zoning Administrator/Ordinance Officer

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM**

**AGENDA** – Additions/Deletions: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT: – ONLY FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: NONE**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Fire Truck Purchase:** Phil explained binder with purchase agreements between Spartan/CSI Emergency Apparatus for a new Pumper Tanker \$475, 437.00 and Wildland Rescue Truck \$189,970. The Pumper Tanker will replace our 1997 Freightliner Pumper 8. Plans are to sell the Freightliner when new tanker arrives. The Wildland Rescue Truck will take the place of our 1998 Chevy squad 8 which is currently our medical/grass truck at Station 2. The medical equipment will be taken off from squad 8 and then squad 8 will be moved to Station 1 and used as new Wildland Rescue Truck. Township will save \$30,672 if both trucks are purchased by 5/1/2020. Income: Millage \$72,748 x 8 years = \$581,984; Truck fund from Eckford Fire Service contract \$6,000 x 8 years = \$48,000; Public Safety fund balance as of 4/15/20 = \$111,303.00; This recommendation is best for 25 years and only item at this time that may be extra is moving radio from one truck to another. A DNR matching grant for \$5,000 has been received for hose nozzles and radios for Wild Land Rescue truck. Will have a backup extraction figured in and then will be able to assist both sides of township. JC asked if a cash deposit was needed. Phil advised \$34,417.50 when pre-construction will be sent and will have meetings withing a month. The Pumper Tanker will be finished approximately June 2021 and Wildland Rescue truck 7-9 months. Terry made motion and Ken supported to accept the 2 proposals provided to purchase Pumper Tanker and Wildland Rescue trucks by May 1, 2020. If loan is needed, Doug is working with banks for best interest rate which is 3% or less at this time. Roll call vote: Terry-Yes; Cathy-Yes; JC-Yes; Ken-Yes and Doug-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Eckford Fire Service Contract:** Fire contract reviewed with proposed changes outlining Fire Service \$16,500 and \$6,000 Fire Apparatus as well as discussion held on whether to have contract for 2 or 4 years and if should leave at \$22,500. Jacob explained medical calls are up for the area surrounding Stuart Lake and Proving Grounds. Phil recommends 2 years and leaving at \$22,500 at this time. Board agreed with recommendations. Terry made a motion and Doug supported to enter in a contract with Eckford Township for 2 years, \$22,500 per year and signed on or before 6/15/2020. Contract will be revisited before 6/15/2022. Roll call vote: Cathy-Yes; JC-Yes; Terry-Yes; Ken-Yes; Doug-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Public Comments made and noted as follows:**

\*Clean-up day at Houston Cemetery on Friday in the afternoon.

\*Next meeting May 18, 6:30 p.m. at town hall, if permissible.

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**Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM**

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Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

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Cathy Combs, Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ 5/2/2020 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Doug Damon, Township Supervisor

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