

Fredonia Township Special Board Regular Meeting
June 23, 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:

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions: Zoning/Budget Timeline/1% Admin Fee/Public Comment for Agenda Items

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

***Budget Fiscal Year 2022-2023:** Discussion held on zoning personnel, Fire Sub Station 2 furnace, Website, computers that was previously approved in 2021-2022 budget and will revisit during the budget year. JC made motion to adopt budget and revisit quarterly to make adjustment as needed. Roll call vote: Terry-Yes; JC-Yes; Doug-Yes; Cathy-Yes; Ken-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

***Doors Unlimited Estimate:** Reviewed that an estimate for what is needed immediately to replace 2 doors prior to election that is ADA compliance. Terry made motion and supported by Ken to replace 2 doors \$3639 up to \$5000 in addition for handicap button. Doug offered to contact Doors Unlimited next date. Motion carried unanimously.

***Keys:** Doug advised that a couple of residents have offered to assist with cemetery prodding and record at no charge to the township. Doug would like keys made to front door, 2nd entry door and cemetery door. Terry made motion and supported by JC to not issue keys to cemetery volunteer. Amended motion: not issuing keys to all or any volunteers to keep consistent and control of keys. Motion: 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion carried.

***Hall Rental Return:** Hall rented and person backed out, do we want to issue refund. Terry made motion and JC supported to issue refund to Mr. Pritchard. Motion carried unanimously.

***Furnace at Fire Sub Station 2:** Cathy explained 2 propane bills within a short period and understood that the furnace was to be inspected and possibly replaced. Suggestion made to have a leak test. Terry made motion and JC supported to pay for a propane leak test. Cathy will make this call. Motion carried unanimously.

***Zoning:** Two properties with zoning issues. Doug spoke to resident and to lawyer. Resident researched Right to Farm Act and there is controversy as to if more than 150 animals and will require setbacks. MI State Farm to Act 33 ½' off the roadway. Doug will review further and discuss at next meeting.

***Budget Timeline:** Doug advised he spoke to auditor who explained preferred method is to pay expenses in month incurred. Clerk advised MTA expressed same but based on circumstances and asked if auditor was aware of all information. Clerk will discuss with auditor as well.

***1% Admin Fee:** Discussion held on 1% admin fee and it was determined that it needs to be a board vote. JC made motion and Terry supported to implement the 1% administration fee and review annually. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

- *MTA – Revenue Sharing will be reduced in 2022-2023 fiscal year
- *Key-Check out system is recommended
- *Zoning-Question asked if Right to Farm Act grandfathering based on age of the farm
- *Setbacks need to be made on the zoning issue mentioned earlier

Board Comment: Ken mention that the pump testing of \$7150 and engine work is \$3069.13. Received 2 letters advising that lawn care will end for Houston, Luther, Fire Sub Station and Township/Fire Station by Daniel Cole and Phil Damon along with cemetery foundation/burials for Phil only.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk _____

Typed Date: 7/1/2022

Signed Date:

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor _____

Date: