**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting**

**August 19, 2024 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  Kyler Speaker, Trustee Terry Day, Trustee

STAFF present: Phil Damon, Fire Chief  Jacob Washburn, Deputy Supervisor/FD Training Officer  George Crandall, Twp. Planning Committee

Terry Travis, Code Enforcement Officer

**CALL TO ORDER:** Doug Damon called meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:** Led by all

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:** Conditional Use Permit

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  None

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:** Budget Hearing 6-25-24; July 17, 2024 Regular; August 5, 2024 Special

K. Speaker made a motion and T. Day supported to approve the minutes as printed for the Budget hearing on June 25, 2024, Regular board meeting held on July 17, 2024 and the Special Board Meeting held on August 5, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

**FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer not available to provide financial reports.**

**READING OF THE BILLS by C. Combs**

C. Combs provided a check register for the board to review dated July 15, 2024-August 19, 2024. T. Day made a motion and K. Speaker supported to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

**REPORTS:**

**FIRE:** There were 10 fire and 18 medical calls for the month of July, 2024. Training for the month included refresher with monitoring Blood Glucose and Epi injection procedures, also went over all small engines such as, chainsaws, positive pressure fans and extrication equipment.

Continuing Education with the Ambulance service will resume in September.

Our department did a stand by at the Calhoun County Fair on August 15. Chief states he appreciates that we had 12 fire fighters show up throughout the day for assistance and also to do fire suppression for the truck pulls that evening.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of our retired Fire training officer, Don Beattie. Don served our fire department for many years. Don came with a lot of experience and was a great guy. He was an asset to our department. His visitation will be Thursday, August 22 at Kempf Family Funeral Home from 4-7 p.m. and the funeral will be held on Friday, August 23, at 11 a.m.

**CEMETERY:** D. Damon states 1 burial. There will be 5 new foundations placed within the next 2 weeks (3 at Lyon Lake and 2 in Old German Lutheran). A family contacted the sexton regarding 3 family deaths on a headstone but cannot find the vaults. The death certificates were located for the children on line and there will be a file created for each of them. They passed away in 1921, 1930 and 1944. Would like the board to consider replacing the shed at Lyon Lake.

**ROADS:** Next Meeting will be November 7 to discuss 2025 projects. Will reach out to DOT on installing a flashing stop sign on the corner of F. Drive South and US 27.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** None.

**PLANNING:** There will be a meeting on September 11, 2024. There will be a ZBA held on August 21 regarding an addition on a house. There will be a ZBA held on September 10th regarding a new house on Lyon Lake.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**\*Short Term Rentals:** D. Damon states he is in contact with M. Lafayette the chairperson at Lyon Lake concerning short term rentals. It appears that there are at least 7 short term rentals at Lyon Lake. They seem to be frequently used and can find verbiage on the Fredonia Township web page concerning short term rentals. Find the Conditional Use then scroll down to section 10.27 for the information

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Fire Insurance – Loss:** Chief Damon explained that the insurance claim for loss of equipment is at a standstill with the claims adjuster. He has contacted our agent and hopefully will hear something soon. The mutual aid departments and Fredonia loss a total of 15 set of gear. 11 sets belong to Fredonia totaling $49,779 and $4,633 worth of hose damaged. Each department filed a claim on their own policy. P. Damon will keep the board up to date with progress on the claim.

**\*Fire Equipment Fund:** Total in the fund is $95,312.96. P. Damon recommends replacing the ventilation fan which is gas with an electric fan. The ventilation fan removes carbon oxide and smoke out of the house. The fire association has replaced one and the township replaced one last year. In addition, the Chief would like to purchase a thermal imaging camera out of the equipment fund. He provided 2 estimates, one from CSI totaling $7090 for the thermal camera and $5,175.00 for the fan = $12,265; MacQueen estimate, $6893.06 for the thermal camera and $5922.08 for the fan = $12,815.14. K. Speaker made a motion and T. Day supported to purchase through CSI as recommended by the Chief, one thermal imaging camera and an electric ventilation fan out of the equipment fund. Motion carried unanimously.

**Flag:** Discuss held on replacing the flag at the township. Ben Lark advised he also noticed the flag needed replacing and has purchased a flag to be donated to the township. The board thanked Mr. Lark for the purchase of the flag.

**Conditional Use Permit – Monroe:** G. Crandall provided a copy of the conditional use permit submitted by Mr. Monroe and approved by the planning commission under the home-based business-auto repairs. T. Day made a motion and K. Speaker supported to approve the conditional use permit submitted by Mr. Monroe and approved by the planning commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for any new issues)**

\*B. Lark advised he worked the election for the first time and wanted to thank Laura for her organization skills as he felt comfortable working with a great group.

**BOARD COMMENT (TIME LIMIT-3 MINUTES PER ISSUE PER PERSON)**:

\*Thank you to B. Lark for the new flag for the township

\*Thank you for the elections and how smooth it went

\*Congratulations to the candidates who will be on the November ballot and thank you to L. Miller, acting chairperson A. Crandall and inspectors for a “perfect” score from the county canvassers for the August election.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

Minutes prepared by C. Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: August 20, 2024

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: