

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting
July 18, 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 Terry Travis, Code Enforcement Officer

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:

Guests:

*Candidates for upcoming election spoke about their candidacy

*FDIC: Gary Therrian with Huntington discussed at the beginning of the meeting FDIC and minimum of \$250,000 coverage. Provided suggestions with CDs and splitting accounts.

Tommy Miller, County Commissioner talked about the 911 millage that is going on the ballot in August and that it is .988 mills and explained why as written would not be good at this time. The more property you own, the more taxes you will pay. This proposal has potential to be detrimental to farmers, business owners and senior citizens. He supports Veteran proposal.

911 Representative: Provided information why the proposal should be passed and it is .998 mills across the county which will raise 2.5 million per year

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Cemetery Sexton: How many candidates and if advertised.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:

June 20, 2022 Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes and a suggestion was made in the closed session to update the resignation was requested and remove supervisor breaks the tie. Terry made motion and supported by JC to make changes and then approve at next meeting. Motion carried unanimously

June 23, 2022 Minutes: Clerk advised that the 1% Admin was omitted and would read as follows: 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. JC made motion and Terry supported to approve June 23, 2022 minutes with updates. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED AND APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT-

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial reports as of 6/30/22 and advised represents year-end. She is reviewing with BS&A for financial additional reports to present to the board.

FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS by Cathy Combs

Bill listing presented and reviewed by board as of 6/21/22 totaling \$8,208.45 with additional invoices of Spectrum, \$1100 (Voter ID Cards), PLM Lake & Land, \$3628.43; MTA \$1475.60. Motion made by JC and supported by Terry to approve bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AS READ

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Phil advised leak test finished on propane tank at Fire Sub Station 2 and Crystal Flash found no leaks. Phil reported 9 fire and 5 medical calls for the month of June 2022. Training included BVM masks and PFAS training. In addition, the Chief and Captain Russell went to the Tekonsha Fire Station to a train the trainer class on the new SCBA's. Training Officer Washburn attended a county wide extrication class. New SCBA equipment that was purchased through a grant and equipment millage has been received. No updated information received pertaining to the radio grant sponsored by Marshall Fire Department. Fire department representatives attended the funeral for former Fire Chief Rusty Cummins on behalf of the Fredonia Fire Department. The dept. is reviewing a nasal spray for diabetics to carry on the truck. Also, Calhoun County will be in a pilot for EPI shot vs pen.

Ambulance: Ken reported the calls are up 253 calls from last year. A 10% raise has been submitted and estimates are being obtained for new ambulance.

Road: George reported the next road meeting will be August 9, 2022 and that road projects have started.

Cemetery: Doug reported 1 burial

Zoning/Ordinance: Right to Farm; Doug advised attorney on vacation and will contact to expedite decision and review with zoning admin.

Fredonia Planning Commission: George advised working on setting a date for public to review Master Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Security:** Doug advised that as soon as the doors come in Doors Unlimited will install.

***Marijuana:** Fredonia opted out for growing operation and matter has been escalated to proper authorities.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Lawn Mowing:** Received verbal estimate from Al Winchell \$400 and written from written estimate from White Collar for mowing of Houston and Lutheran cemeteries, Township/Fire Station and Fire Station 2, \$335. JC made motion and Cathy supported to award proposal from White Collar for \$335. Motion carried unanimously.

***My Place/Twin Valley:** We received a letter from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in Lansing addressed to My Place at Twin Valley, LLC. Letter states pursuant to the Mobile Home Commission Act (herein: PA96 of 1987 or "the Act, this department shall issue a license only if all statutorily enumerated criteria have been met. This criteria includes: receipt of completed application and fee; certifications and recommendations of appropriate agencies and local governments (which must be submitted to and approved by the department); and that the mobile home park or seasonal mobile home park was approved as being in substantial compliance after its most recent inspection under section 17 of Act 96 of 1987. To date the

Department has not received the wastewater certification. Therefore, the park license file is closed, and your application is denied. You are now operating a park without a valid license, in criminal defiance of the Act. We are forwarding your criminal case to the local prosecuting attorney's office for commencement of a criminal proceeding for operating a mobile home park without a valid license. Clerk contacted the county treasurer's to advise tax admin fee has not been received and no response from My Place. Doug will follow-up with Atty. Jim Dyer.

***Cemetery Sexton:**

Doug advised it had been suggested to discuss in closed session the two candidates interested in the position, board agreed. JC moved and Cathy supported that the board move into close session. Motion carried unanimously. Board returned out of closed session and Doug asked for a motion. JC moved and Cathy supported to offer Cathy Day-Allard the sexton position. Motion carried. 3-Ayes; 1-Nay; 1 Abstain

Public Comment: Why is building permit needed for solar panel? Clerk will follow up and advise. Discussion held on important items need a quick response. Lyon Lake lights – Mr. Diver provided copy of property owners with lights around Lyon Lake.

Board Comment: August Meeting will be August 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk _____

Date: 7/20/22-Typed

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor _____

Date: