

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting
November 21, 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 Kyler Speaker, 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:

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions: Hose testing with Rescue Equipment and AFG SCBA Grant

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH: October 17, 2022; Special Meeting November 2, 2022; Election Committee Minutes 10/17/22

JC made motion and Kyler supported to approve the October 17, 2022 minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously. Cathy mentioned that Kyler’s name will be updated in the Special Meeting minutes. Terry made motion and JC supported to approve the Special Meeting minutes dated November 2, 2022 with update to Kyler’s name. Motion carried unanimously. Doug made motion and Kyler supported to approve the Election Committee Minutes dated 10/17/22. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED AND APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT-

JC provided Revenue and Expenditure report with % of budget used as of 10/31/22.

FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS by **Cathy Combs**

Bill listing presented and reviewed by board as of 10/25/2022, correction to the report as Brutsche invoice is \$351 and report states \$30. Corrected total is \$17,504.39. Kyler made a motion and JC supported to accept bill listing with corrected amount. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED AND APPROVED

REPORTS:

Fire Department: There were 7 fire and 9 medical calls for the month of October, 2022. Training for the month included: Rit pak training, hose lays, respiratory emergencies. Engine 8 is waiting for parts to come in and replace damaged fuel tank. No updated information on the radio grant at this time. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help out the Trunk n Treat at the Lyon Lake United Methodist Church.

Ambulance: Ken Huestis reported 488 calls for the month of October. A new ambulance is on order in the amount of \$209,334. MAFFAA received a \$3350 donation from Turtle Creek and will be used to purchase new beds for station 1. There are 21 students in MFR class this session.

Road: The road committee met on November 1, 2022. There is still stripping to do on Lyon Lake road. The committee will meet again on February 7, 2023 to determine next year's projects.

Cemetery: Sexton Allard reported 1 new burial.

Zoning/Ordinance: None

Code Enforcement: Terry Travis reported the landlord of the place on A. Drive South has been contacted and clean up has begun. Terry provided an update on the condemned trailer in Wildwood after a fire occurred. Homeowner was not aware of family living in the trailer and is working with authorities in vacating the family.

Fredonia Planning Commission: December 1, 2022 public hearing for new master plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Security:** Doors Unlimited has been contacted and will be coming on a day that office is open. A security company came and is to be providing an estimate. Other resources will be explored as well.

***Parks Committee:** The committee met and is exploring ideas to utilize the millage funds. Residents are also encouraged to provide ideas. Committee will meet after the first of the year.

***ARPA/Parking Lot:** ARPA reports submitted and now reviewing with auditor regarding the change in name on account from Township of Fredonia to Fredonia Township Fire Department prior to expenditures from this account. Fire Department cement repair estimates: Fire department received 2 estimates: One from QEI \$11,733 and Two Ducks, Inc. \$39,192. Discussed with Phil and Jacob on the estimates and if the estimates includes what needs to be done to repair the cement. Jacob will clarify with QEI on the drain and 7 sack mix vs. 6 sack mix. Cathy made a motion and supported by Kyler to accept the bid from QEI in the amount of \$11,733 adding the drain and once approved by auditor to use ARPA funds. Motion carried unanimously.

***Audit:** Auditor has received backup, reconciliations and bank statements as a start of audit.

***IT:** Clerk will work with CRT when any issues arise with the computers.

***Michigan Gas Utilities:** Doug contacted our attorney to review the proposed ordinance from Michigan Gas Utilities base on PA 266. Although grammatical errors, all looked good an ordinance will be good for 30 years. Cathy made a motion and supported by Terry to approve the ordinance granting to Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, its successors and assigns, the right, power, authority and permission to use the highways, streets, alleys and other public places of the township of Fredonia, County of Calhoun, State of Michigan, for the purpose of laying and maintaining gas pipes, mains, conduits, valves, drips and all necessary appurtenances in, under and along the highways, streets, alleys and other public places, of said township and the right, power and permission to conduct and operate a general gas business and distribution system in said Township of Fredonia, County of Calhoun, State of Michigan for a period of Thirty (30) Years. This is regulated by PA 266. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

***MTA Grant for Risk:** MTA is offering a grant and Cathy would recommend using this grant for the security cameras or could be used toward any ADA requirements. The deadline is November 30, 2022. Discussion held on approving items like this and not having cameras installed. Clerk will attempt to complete by November 30, 2022. Cathy made a motion and Terry supported to submit the grant for \$1500. Motion carried unanimously.

***Rescue Equipment (jaws) Expense and Hose Testing:** Annual inspection for the jaws for the Rescue 8 and Squad 8 trucks. Rescue Resources states \$910 without any parts. JC made a motion and Terry supported to have the annual inspection completed by Rescue Resources. Motion carried unanimously.

Hose testing: The last inspection was held in November of 2021 and may take a while to schedule the inspection date. The cost is between \$1200-1500 of an increase from last year. Terry made a motion and JC supported to enter in a contract with Fire Catt Precision Service Testing for the annual hose and ground ladder testing. Motion carried unanimously.

***AFG SCBA Grant:** The check from FEMA is to be received electronically into our checking account and once received will need to issue a check to McQueen Emergency (formally 5 Alarm). Board has previously approved of the bid and AFG SCBA Grant for \$582,140, however, just to confirm would like board vote to issued check to McQueen once deposit is made in checking. Cathy made motion and Terry supported to issue the check to McQueen Emergency in the amount of \$582,140 once the funds have been deposited. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Fire association will be buying 3 battery lights and fans in the amount of \$8,000. Fire department is stating that there are properties that the driveways are narrow and trees have scratched the trucks. Also, there are properties that the trucks are not able to get in and turn around. The fire department will meet with residents and notify them in writing. Clarification needed on bill listing for First National Bank of Omaha on bill listing and that it states internet, it is actually for website \$16. Laptop needed for Sexton.

Board Comment:

Discussion held on wooden bench and the need of repair
November election held and had over 800 voters. Thank you to Laura Miller and all the inspectors who worked the election
ZBA meeting to be held in near future

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk _____

Date: 11/29/22

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor _____

Date: