

FREDONIA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2017

The Regular Board meeting of the Fredonia Township was called to order by Supervisor Doug Damon at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Other board members present: Clerk Karen Diver, Treasurer Angela Bidwell, Trustee Jerry Diver and Trustee Ben Lark. Others present: Jacob Washburn, Cindy Thomas, Gerry Gerson, George Crandall, Carl Damon (IT DEPT) and Dianna Baker (Deputy Clerk).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER - Given by Doug Damon

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Motion made by Jerry Diver and supported by Angela Bidwell to approve the minutes as printed. Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT - Read by Treasurer Bidwell and placed on file for audit.

READING OF THE BILLS – As listed \$1,293.69 and additional bills to be paid for \$255.75. Motion made by Jerry Diver and supported by Ben Lark to pay the bills and any regular bills that are received. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT –Comment about how much money is in the Road Fund. Angela told them that we still owe money to Enbridge for an over payment made to us. Need to wait to make the repayment until the amount in the road fund is determined.

REPORTS

FIRE DEPT – Read by Jacob Washburn and placed on file.

ZONING – There was one zoning this past month and was approved.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – Dianna stated she is working with some people at this time.

LIBRARY – Given by Ben Lark. The roof should be done this week. Library now has HOLPA. You can check out books, movies and there are even those that will read to you. You need your library card and you can set up an account. There are thousands of books that you can check out. You can have it for a week and if you are not done, then you can check it out for another week. No charge.

CEMETERY – There was one burial this past month and a couple of calls about cremation but they have not called back. Don Kellogg called today and he stated he has the parts for the pump at the cemetery.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Given by Ben Lark. They had a planning meeting last Thursday and they will be reading through the master plan. They feel they can't make any change without having someone else review it and that would be at a cost to the township. The next meeting will be November 16 and Jennifer Bomba will speak. They would like to have the Township Board come to the meeting. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. here at the Fredonia Township Hall. Bob Zalewski and George Crandall took a

class and came back to tell us what they learned. We need to discuss the possibility of solar farms coming to our township and possibly adopt ordinances or rules before we have requests for some.

IT DEPT – Carl did the upgrade for the cemetery software and is doing some troubleshooting on the main server. We budgeted \$1,800.00 for the Deputy clerk to get a laptop. Her computer is not able to have any upgrades as it is too outdated/old. Carl stated we need to get the software so that computers can be used offsite. It is \$250.00 per year for the software and a desktop for Dianna (instead of a laptop) would be around \$900.00. Carl would like to be able to move ahead. Jerry Diver feels that we need to discuss and figure it out. Doug agreed, if we are going to keep up with the times. Ben asked Dianna how much she would use the laptop and she said she uses the computer every day she works but stated she does not need or want a laptop as she would not use it out in the field for the cemetery, zoning, or code enforcement.

PLANNING COMMISSION – No report

ROAD COMMITTEE

OLD BUSINESS - 1) VISA - Karen passed the paper work on to Doug. He looked it over but he sees some issue in it and does not advise we should get it. Karen will check around and see what she can find. 2) SEWER - Doug talked to Jim Dyer about the contract. Ben feels we need to have some agreement with them. We need to look at it and we can put one together and have a Lawyer look at it for us.

NEW BUSINESS - 1) MTA - Ben called MTA with some questions about what the trustee are to do. Who draws check when the Clerk does the check and it is not good until the treasurer signs the check. Wanted to know where all of our records are located. Karen stated that they are in a locked room in the fire safe. Also, the Audit was mentioned. If there is a problem with the audit, then the state can withhold funds from the township until it is correct. Audit will be held on October 10, 11, &12. Ben feels that the Auditor needs to come to the township board meeting to answer questions. 2) Township Lawyer - Doug talked to them and

TRUSTEE COMMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jacob Washburn had some questions regarding the steps of building permits and zoning. Dianna stated that a person comes in and they fill out the building permit. Dianna goes out to determine if they have room to do their project. If not, they must apply for a variance. This means there will be a public meeting for those who live within 300 feet of the property. Residents within the 300 feet will get a letter informing them of the date and time of the meeting. They can come to the meeting or don't have to if they have no objections to the build. Lyon Lake has the most needed variances. Cindy wanted to know why there is not names stated in the reports for Zoning or Code. Doug stated some have ran into some hard times and they do not want anyone to know. Cindy stated she would volunteer to go help residents and that is why she feels that we need to know who is in the reports. Also wanted to know why can't we know who is building. Jerry Diver stated that all board members names and phone numbers were printed in the paper a couple of weeks ago and are all on the website too if anyone has questions.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by Jerry Diver and supported by _____ to adjourn the meeting. Carried