

Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting
Monday, August 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Fredonia Township Hall
8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Members present: Supervisor Doug Damon, Clerk Karen Diver,
Treasurer Angela Bidwell, Trustee Jerry Diver, Trustee Ben Lark

Staff Present: Fire Chief Phil Damon, Assessor Roger Smith

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer by Doug Damon

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Resignations & Tax Error

Visitor Jim Dyer, Attorney from City of Marshall explained the sewer agreement that expired in 2016 is up for extension. Ben Lark made a motion to table this until next month to have a chance to read and review the new agreement and Jerry Diver supported.

CARRIED

Minutes from previous month

Motion made by Jerry Diver, supported by Ben Lark to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018 Township Board meeting with no corrections.

CARRIED

Financial Report read by Angela Bidwell

Placed on file for audit.

Reading of the bills by Karen Diver

Motion by Ben Lark, supported by Jerry Diver to accept the reading of the bills.

CARRIED

Correspondence

None

Public Comment for items on the Agenda

Dan Livingston made comments in regard to the new sewer agreement and said that it stated, in the previous agreement, that there would be yearly accounting submitted to Fredonia of all monies taken and spent. Also wanted to discuss the golf cart resolution.

Reports

Fire Department: Phil Damon, Fire Chief

Zoning: Jerry Diver stated there is a Variance meeting 9/5/2018. Introduced Clyde Lampkin, our new Zoning/Code Enforcement officer. Jerry Diver stated he would like to see the Variance process happen more timely from now on.

Ordinance Enforcement: None

Library: Ben Lark: awesome kids program, will be purchasing new equipment to Transfer slides to CD

Cemetery: Dianna Baker absent: 1 cremation at Lyon Lake Cemetery

Planning Committee: Ben Lark: committee did not meet. Next meeting 9/20/2018.

IT Department: Pamela Eastman: Absent.

Calhoun County Planning Commission: Dan Livingston, Sr: Met and had only one item on the agenda which was a rezone of some property in Emmett Twp.

Road Committee: George Crandall: Next meeting is 11/13. Current project should be done in September. Doug Damon stated the county still has not hired a road director yet. Dan Livingston Sr stated there is a publication on the Mdot website that says they are coming up with a new 5 year plan and they are accepting public input until about the middle of October 2018. He encourages citizens and specifically the Road Committee to take a look at it and make some recommendations. Doug Damon stated work on 15 Mile Rd from A Dr S to the Marshall Twp line should be done in August.

Old Business

Sewer agreement with the City of Marshall (Discussed earlier in this meeting with Jim Dyer)

New Business

Parking Lot: Doug Damon thanked Craig Stiner of Green Acres for spraying the lot at Town Hall and at Station #2 for weeds at no cost.

Cemetery Signs: Doug Damon thanked Jerry Diver for getting the signs up at the 2 cemeteries. Jerry Diver also thanked Dave Washburn for his help digging the holes for the poles and also thanked Kenton Inman for his help with installing the poles, cement work and installing the signs onto the poles. The sign at Lyon Lake Cemetery will be done soon.

Painting/Maps: Doug Damon thanked Angie, Karen and Pam for the painting and for hanging the maps in the foyer.

Fire Millage: Thanked for passing the millage. Also, Phil discussed possibly ordering turn out gear early to secure a good price. We need to investigate on legality of loans, moving funds, amending the budget, pooled cash which is like borrowing internally.

Golf Cart: Discussion regarding a Golf Cart resolution. Paul & Nina Baranowski introduced the idea of having a resolution to make our golf carts legal on our roads under 30 mile an hour. Came to the conclusion to possibly have a petition drawn up to get signatures or a survey for the lake residents to see if the majority would be in favor, and/or have a meeting with Lyon Lake residents, our township attorney and have more discussion in general before proceeding.

Resignations: Greg Karns resigned from Board of Review and the Ambulance Authority Board as of August 20, 2018.

Audit: Angie Bidwell made a motion to get a proposal from Gabridge for the audit and Karen Diver supported.

CARRIED

Tax Roll Error: Roger explained that there was a Homestead Exemption error that had

to be fixed which means we need to issue a refund check to the current owner of \$1219.69. A motion to issue this check to the home owner was made by Jerry Diver and supported by Karen Diver.

CARRIED

MCCU CD: Motion made by Ben Lark to place Karen Diver on the Marshall Community Credit Union CD/Account and supported by Angie Bidwell.

CARRIED

Public Comment:

Dan Livingston congratulated Karen Diver on having a very successful election on August 7, 2018. Greg Karns made comment regarding the allowance of the buildings being built on the Fenton property. Research needs to be done. Clyde and Roger will follow up. Resident shared concern about the trash and brush that needs some type of an enclosure to make the cemeteries look better.

Trustee Comment:

None

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Karen Diver, Township Clerk

Date

Minutes prepared by
Karen Diver, Clerk

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor

Date