

Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting
Monday, March 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Fredonia Township Hall
8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

Supervisor Damon called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Jacob Washburn, Phil Damon,
Dianna Baker, Deputy Clerk,
Pam Eastman, IT Director

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer by Doug Damon

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Minutes from previous month

Motion by Jerry Diver, seconded by Ben Lark to approve the minutes
of February 19, 2018 Township Board meeting, with no corrections.

CARRIED

Financial Report by Angela Bidwell

Placed on file for audit.

Reading of the bills by Karen Diver

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

CARRIED

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

Reports

Fire Department: Fire Chief Phil Damon

Zoning: Dianna Baker

Ordinance Enforcement: Dianna Baker

Library: Ben Lark

Cemetery: Dianna Baker

Planning Committee: Ben Lark

IT Department: Introduction of our new IT Manager, Pamela Eastman

Calhoun County Planning Commission: Dan Livingston Sr (Also gave a short report
report of the Board of Review

Road Committee: Dan Livingston Jr
Calhoun County Road Commission: Supervisor Doug Damon gave a
rundown of all the changes in the department with not currently
having a director.

Old Business

Discussion of the progress of the Sewer Contract; still being worked on. The LED lighting progress stands right now at just getting bids to have it done and it was also discussed, the option, of adding dimmers. There was more discussion of fire billing and it is still being investigated and revision of the ordinance may need to be done.

New Business

Discussion of the Zoning Ordinance options for Inoperable Vehicles, need to get the Civil Infraction Ordinance to Attorney Macfarlane; still working on it, Upston Lawn Mowing has increased rates, Jerry Diver made a motion to accept the increase and keep Mr. Upston, Angie Bidwell seconded it.

CARRIED

On March 1, 2014, our enforcement officer resigned and Dianna Baker was appointed interim for the position. Ben Lark made a motion to table the filling of the Enforcement Officer position until more research, background and options are made available. Jerry Diver seconded the motion.

CARRIED

Public Comment

Dan Livingston Jr suggested a sheriff department employee for the Enforcement Officer position or that he may know of someone that may be qualified and interested in the position. George Crandall stated that it would be a good idea to hire someone with a law enforcement background. Mr. Crandall also stated that Dianna has 4 positions within the township and felt that it is too many; and to not take the Enforcement position away from her but let her choose which one/ones she would like to give up and then move forward on what will need to be filled.

Cindy Thomas suggested to have Attorney Macfarlane come to our April 2018 board meeting to explain the Zoning Ordinance, the Civil Infraction Ordinance and our options for the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance and give some advice as to which would better suit our township and help determine if we could take pieces/parts from each to create our own.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

Karen Diver, Township Clerk

Date

Minutes prepared by
Karen Diver, Clerk

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor

Date