

**Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting
November 19, 2018 6:30 PM
Fredonia Township Hall
8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068**

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS present: Doug Damon, Supervisor Karen Diver, Clerk
Paul Baranowski, Treasurer Jerry Diver, Trustee JC Skowron, Trustee

STAFF present: Phil Damon, Fire Chief Dianna Baker, Deputy Clerk/Cemetery Sexton
Roger Smith, Assessor Pamela Jo Eastman, IT Clyde Lampkin, Code Enforcement/Zoning
Dan Livingston Sr., Calhoun County Planning Commission Dan Livingston, Jr., Road Committee
 Jacob Washburn, Fire Dept. Trainer & Meeting Parliamentarian

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

PRAYER by Jacob Washburn

GUEST SPEAKER: Sheriff Matthew M. Saxton spoke concerning the newly passed Marijuana Law and what it means to the community and local enforcement agencies. He recommended that the Township “does something” – i.e. state a position because recreational marijuana use is different than medical use.

PAUL BARANOWSKI, our newly elected and sworn in as Treasurer, was welcomed to the Township Board.

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions: NONE.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:

Jerry Diver requested an amendment be made that “and painting” be removed from the statement about updating the Township sign at the corner with office hours displayed.

Motion made by Jerry Diver and supported by Paul Baranowski to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting of October 15, 2018 as amended.

AMENDED AND APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT presented/read by Paul Baranowski
NO CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

PLACED ON FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS by Karen Diver

Phil Damon requested the posting of the bills for Waterways of Michigan and North Shore be corrected.

Jerry Diver asked if we have noticed a change in our electric bills since LED lighting was installed. The bills will be reviewed, but a true comparison will be to compare old bills to new bills throughout the year ahead.

Karen Diver will do this and report back to the board.

The combined total for bills this past month was \$16,126.10.

Motion made by Jerry Diver and supported by Paul Baranowski to accept the reading of the bills as amended.

AMENDED AND APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – OLD or NEW: NONE

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Fire Chief Phil Damon reported 10 Fire runs and 7 Medical calls for the month of October. The department received training in Cardiovascular Assessment and Electrical Hazards such as downed wires. The department received 4 sets of “Turnout” equipment that was ordered in August. The remaining folks will be measured for their equipment around the first of December. The department participated in Trunk-or-Treat at the Lyon Lake church on October 31st. Jacob Washburn will demonstrate during Public Comments later in the meeting.

Zoning: Clyde Lampkin stated that one variance was applied for and approved at 36 Lyon Lake for a garage extension. Another variance request is coming that involves the current property owner requesting the variance, for a potential buyer, to see if a proposed future improvement is doable.

Ordinance Enforcement: Clyde Lampkin stated he is working with several properties in the Wildwood area concerning a trash issue. It is going slow but those involved are cooperating with the Township and trying to work within the allotted time frames. There also is a home at 11260 Wildwood in disrepair. A letter was sent Clyde is working with them on a timeframe as there is a lot to do and 30 days is not enough time. Have moved it out to 90 days and will check regularly to monitor progress. Neighbors on both sides of the above mentioned properties seem to be happy with the on-going progress. Clyde also received a call at the end of October concern mud on the road from a tractor between H & G Drive on 15 ½ Mile Road. He had nothing to offer them other than suggest they call the Sheriff for advice. Doug Damon recommended in the future he could advise such callers to call the County Road Department at 781-9841.

George Crandall commented that last month Clyde had said he would share the new building code that offers examples of each code and how it affects property maintenance and such. Clyde will look into presenting this at the December meeting.

Library: NO REPORT – Kara Boughton absent.

Cemetery: Dianna Baker reported two burials at Lyon Lake. She also stated that she gave Pam Eastman information concerning the cemetery clean-up requirements and dates to be posted on the Township website. Pam will post this on the website Home page for now and also on the Cemetery page.

Planning Committee: George Crandall announced that the committee will meet on December 6th. They are still working on the master plan updates.

IT Department: Pamela Jo Eastman informed the board that she has made multiple updates to the website including adding announcements, forms, history, pictures, and such. The township server was upgraded and is now back in sync with the county BSA applications. She also advised the group that those using Yahoo email may experience trouble printing “pdf” files. The problem is on the Yahoo end not the Township email end. She will work with individuals if they need help and show them how to work around this issue.

Calhoun County Planning Commission: NO REPORT - Dan Livingston Sr. absent.

Road Committee: George Crandall reported that the next meeting is February 5, 2019. We have a new Road Director – John Midgley – he begins November 26th. The committee is working on updating the 5-year plan and asked if they should invite Tommy Miller to attend. Doug Damon said yes. Doug also asked about what was on the plan for next year and George stated it was to do 15 ½ Mile Road north of C Drive. Doug stated that it needed to be approved and signed by himself and the clerk. They will work on that. George also stated they considered putting the 5-year plan on the website but in the end decided it was not a good idea.

Old Business: Doug stated he received an email last week from the attorney concerning the Sewer Contract; but he had received no communications from the city as of yet. Hopefully they will approve by the

