

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting
June 21, 2021 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 Ken Heustis, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions:

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:

Motion made by JC and supported by Ken to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 board meeting.

APPROVED AS READ

FINANCIAL REPORT-

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial report for board review.

FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS by **CATHY COMBS**

Cathy Combs requested correction to the bill listing from May 17, 2021 board meeting. First Bankcard on listing should be \$507.64. Motion made by Cathy and supported by JC to update the May 17, 2021 bill listing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by JC and supported by Ken to delete duplicate line items and to accept the *Reading of the Bills* as read.

APPROVED AS READ

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Phil reported 10 fire calls and 7 medical calls for the month of May 2021. Fire Department held pediatric and adult airway training/assessment along with extrication training for the new Jaws. In addition, training held on the new Squad truck with Matt from CSI. Mutual aid training with Newton Fire Department was conducted as well. Phil advised the Rescue 8 and Engine 8 pump test and annual maintenance has been completed. Waterways of Michigan will be coming to do the hose and ladder testing. Squad 8 has

been in service and has been working out well on all calls. Annual golf outing has been postponed until Saturday, June 26 @ 9:00 AM, Marshall Country Club. Phil, Ken, Jacob and Charlie will be going to South Dakota in early July to do the final inspection on our new tanker truck.

Ambulance: Ken reported that the budget was finalized and retirement of Mark Hurt.

Roads: George reported meeting held on June 8, 2021. Road commission is on track for the township scheduled projects and next meeting will be in August.

County Planning: No update

Cemetery: Doug advised 1 burial and 1 quote provided. Doug has received many calls.

Zoning/Ordinance: Received resignation from Robert Hawley effective June 30, 2021. Robert will assist with finalizing master plan.

Fredonia Planning Commission: Public hearing took place on June 3 and June 10, 2021. Recommendations provided to board.

Board of Review: None

Finance: None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

***Planning Commission Recommendation:** Discussion held on rezoning of commercial properties on F. Drive South. Planning commission recommendation provided to complete same. Ken made motion and JC supported to change highway commercial properties on the northwest quadrant of the I69 and F. Drive South exchange from highway commercial to agricultural with the exception of the Roland Face property. Roll call vote: Ken-Yes; Cathy-Yes; Doug-Yes; JC-Yes; Terry-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

***Budget Adjustments:** Phil reported repairs to 2 fire trucks are needed. After running pump test, they found 177 codes, leaking anti-freeze and diesel. Parts are approximately \$1500 and then labor. Cathy made motion and Terry supported to complete a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$3000 to help with covering truck repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

***Township-American Rescue Plan:** The Township is expecting to receive \$159,000 over a 2 year period from Federal Government.

***Sexton Appointment:** Discussion held on sexton duties performed by Doug. Cathy made motion with support from JC to compensate Doug \$62.50 per month for duties as Sexton until a change in sexton position. Motion carried unanimously.

***Hall Rental Rates:** After review of current rates, it is recommended that we increase the hall rental. Cathy made motion and supported by Ken to increase hall rental to \$200, non-profit Monday – Thursday will be \$25 and provide a 25% discount for 6 or more scheduled events per year effective July 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

***Computer Service Rates:** Tabling until information obtained.

***Conditional Use and Zoning Fees:** The current fee to hold hearings, publishing, and mailing are not enough to cover costs. Cathy made motion and supported by JC to increase the fee for zoning to \$300 with \$75 administrative fee and increase conditional use permit to \$500 with \$75 administrative fee. Motion carried unanimously.

***Budget Approval:** Board reviewed proposed budget and with increase of hall rental fees recommend \$4000 in revenue instead of \$3500. In addition, with increase gas and diesel prices, recommend increasing Fire – Gas & Diesel to \$3000 instead of \$2500. Cathy made motion with support from Terry to approve proposed 2021-2022 budget as submitted with corrections. Roll call vote: Ken-Yes; Cathy-Yes; Doug-Yes; JC-Yes; Terry-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk

6/30/2021
Date

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor

Date