

Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting
August 17, 2020 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: 20-21 Snowplowing

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: Water Well: Discussion on a reserve and the drain commission, board and lake association meeting annually.
Lyon Lake Weed: Discussion held on lake association and resolution and that the association is the agent. Suggestion made to table and gather all information needed prior to rolling back vote made in June to decrease the assessment to Lyon Lake residents.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:

Motion made by JC and supported by Ken to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 board meeting.

APPROVED AS READ

FINANCIAL REPORT-

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial report for review and advised working on budget adjustments and reconciliation.

FILE FOR AUDIT

Guest: Sheriff Steve Hinkley discussed upcoming election and is on the ballot to fill this position. He expressed the hard work his staff/officers are doing and appreciate resident’s support of the officers. County Clerk Kim Hinkley also reviewed her interest in running for Clerk in November as appointed in February to replace Clerk Norlander.

READING OF THE BILLS by Cathy Combs

NO CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

Motion made by JC and supported by Terry to accept the *Reading of the Bills* as read.

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Phil Damon advised there were 6 fire calls and 11 medical calls for this month. The department held pump and drivers training. Also, congratulations to Fredonia Firefighter Dan Cole for completing his state certification of firefighter I and II with Hazmat awareness.

Ambulance: Ken reported that there is a position to be filled due to a retirement.

Roads: County plans will be provided for next 5 years.

County Planning: None

Cemetery: Doug advised 3 burials this month and looking into Center Section being surveyed.

Zoning/Ordinance: None

Fredonia Planning Commission: Doug advised that the hearing for mining conditional use permit will be slated late September.

Board of Review: None

Finance: Potential committee meeting with individual board members and review of the final budget.

Old Business: Lyon Lake/City Water Well – Still working on information and would like to table until September

New Business:

Lyon Lake Weed/SAD: Discussion held regarding the assessment percentage from Lyon Lake residents on the winter tax bill. A resolution provided by the association that the authority remains with the Lyon Lake association, no new rate increase or decrease. JC made motion and supported by Terry to review resolution in 2005, new information provided by association and table until September. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor Salary/Canvassing: Doug read a letter from our Assessor Roger Smith asking board to consider and grant the following: Remove \$3,000 from Township Canvassing budget and add to the Assessor's Salary budget. This would leave a balance of \$3,000 in the canvassing budget for the 20-21 budget years. Assessor will donate \$2,000 back to the Township which will assist with any short fall due to the State Revenue Sharing being cut. Ken made motion and JC supported to take \$3,000 from canvassing budget and place in the Assessor's salary budget as stated in letter dated August 7, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Election Budget: Cathy discussed increased expenses from purchasing PPE supplies for August and upcoming November election. Also, explained grant submitted to be reimbursed for March election in the amount of \$2,700 and once received will apply back to the reserve fund. Cathy made motion and supported by Terry to amend the Election supply budget by \$750, increasing to \$1,050 from the cash reserved fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Snow Plowing: Doug asked if the board wanted to contact the current contractors for snow plowing or post for bids. Terry made motion supported by JC to contact the current contractors and sign with them if pricing is the same. If prices have increased, we will then review in September. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Truck Loan: Doug met with Southern Michigan Bank and Trust for an 8 year loan new fire truck. First truck – Grass truck will be purchased without a loan. Loan will not be needed until March of 2021. Doug will provide exact figures next month.

Public Comment:

- *Scanner for use at election in November
- *Lyon Lake cemetery, need to address headstones and ground sinking
- *Poured foundation 24” deep as stated currently vs. prefab 3” purchased in the past

Board Comment:

*Would like to see Lyon Lake Association members all come to an agreeance on direction with assessment for September’s meeting.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

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Cathy Combs, Township Clerk Date

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Doug Damon, Township Supervisor Date