

Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting
May 17, 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: Fire Department Expenditures/Approvals

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Cathy reported that a voicemail was received and an email sent to Doug Damon advising that a resident wanted to thank Doug for promptly replacing the Lyon Lake Cemetery sign. She also wanted to thank the person who installed the sign (Roger Smith) as both did a wonderful job.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:

Motion made by JC and supported by Ken to approve the minutes of the April 19, 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**

NO CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

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

APPROVED AS READ

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Phil reported 4 fire calls and 8 medical calls for the month of April 2021. Fire Department held medical equipment maintenance, pediatric and adult airway training. Phil advised the Rescue 8 and Engine 8 will be going in for pump test and annual maintenance, Waterways of Michigan will be coming to do the hose and ladder testing. Teams and sponsors have been coming in for our annual golf outing. This will be held at the Marshall Country Club on June 19, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Ticket sales have begun for our outdoor, sporting fundraiser raffle. Ticket sales have gone extremely well. The final inspection on the Wildland Rescue Truck

has been completed and truck will be delivered on May 18. The fire department did receive the fire blanket for the electric cars. The department will be scheduling a meeting with Eaton Corporation to personally thank them for the purchase.

Ambulance: Ken reported that the next meeting will be held on May 20, 2021

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

County Planning: No update

Cemetery: Doug advised 1 burial and Memorial Day flags are in place for all cemeteries.

Zoning/Ordinance: No update

Fredonia Planning Commission: Public hearing took place on May 6, 2021 and recommends 2 resolutions. Next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021.

Board of Review: None

Finance: The committee has met a couple of times to review proposed budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Cemetery Sign – Lyon Lake:** Doug explained that the Advisor did report about the new Lyon Lake Cemetery sign. The township has received positive feedback from the residents and wanted again to thank Roger Smith for his donation. The old sign will be at the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Chip and Seal:** There is a section between D. Drive and north of 18 Mile Road that needs to be chip and sealed. This will be a split between Fredonia and Eckford Township. Cathy made motion and Doug supported to approve the chip and seal on D. Drive north of 18 Mile Road. Motion carried unanimously.

***Zoning:** Planning commission met with Mr. Scott Katz regarding rezoning his property from Agriculture to Highway Commercial located on 15 Mile Road as current zoning splits his homestead into two districts. Planning Commission recommends granting request. Cathy made motion and Ken supported to approve the request. Roll call vote: Ken-Yes; Cathy-Yes; Doug-Yes; JC-Yes; Terry-Yes. Motion carried unanimously. In addition, Mr. Katz has requested to rezone two of his parcels on G. Drive and 15 ½ Mile Road from Agriculture to Medium Density Residential as he would like to build a duplex or other rental property. Planning Commission is in support of this request. Cathy made motion and Ken supported to approve the request to rezone property owned by Mr. Katz on 15 ½ Mile Road to Medium Density Residential. Roll call vote: Terry-Yes; JC-Yes; Doug-Yes; Cathy-Yes; Ken-Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

***Budget Hearing:** The budget hearing will take place prior to the June board meeting on June 21, 2021; 6:00 p.m. in the Township Hall. A copy of the budget will be available at the Township.

***Township – American Rescue Act:** The Township has received communication regarding the American Rescue Act and will update once more information has been received.

***Fire Truck Squad 8:** The new truck will here at the Township on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

***Website Review:** Cathy discussed a proposal that will be sent from Revize Government Website. The presentation was impressive and will forward to board once received.

***Fire Department Expenditures:** Phil discussed approval needed to purchase pagers, computer, ventilation saw and have truck maintenance and hose testing completed totaling approximately \$14,400 and within the fire department budget. Discussion held and JC made motion and supported by Terry to approve the purchase requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: The board was thanked for the fire department funds. Discussion held on obtaining a grant for a UTV to be used for brush fires.

Board Comment: Appreciation expressed for the Advisor article on the cemetery sign.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM

Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk

Date

5/26/2021

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor

Date