

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting
December 20, 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 Huestis, Trustee Terry Day, Trustee Laura Miller, Deputy Clerk

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:

Guest: Tommy Miller provided update with the county.

AGENDA – Additions/Deletions: Tables and keys

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:

Motion made by Ken and supported by JC to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 regular board meeting. November 30, 2021 special meeting, to vote on special assessor, Roger did not renew his contract, hired VNV Assessing, Catherine Wright is the new assessor. Ken motioned to accept and JC approved.

APPROVED AS READ

FINANCIAL REPORT-

Treasurer JC Skowron provided financial report for board review and as of end of November budget compared to actual.

FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS

Reading of the Bills: tabled this month due to Cathy Combs absence. Fire Dept. has two bills that need to be paid by end of year – radio we took out of pumper into Ken’s pick up (ROE COM) and radiator that sprung a leak on the engine (CSI). Ken made a motion to pay the bills for the Fire Dept. in Engine 8. Ken moved it and Terry supported it. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Fire Department: 3 fire and 23 medical runs for November. Fire department held training on truck checks and blood glucose monitors and central nervous disorders. We sold old pumper truck to Grand Marais – Burt Township for agreed upon amount of \$37,500 if it passed the pump test. They would pay for repairs \$1500 and deduct from the cost of the truck. Tanker 8 was in the Marshall Christmas parade. The number of runs for 2020 – 194 and in 2021 there were 204. Senior Services: calling SS and not being to get rides to where they want to go, need to call ahead of time for medical appointments, don’t have enough drivers, etc.

Ambulance: Ambulance is still under repair and in the body shop, no completion date yet, abundance of calls, having to drive further away to get to a hospital.

Road: Next meeting is February 15, 2021

Cemetery: Doug reported 2 burials at Lyon Lake and 20 lots sold. Question: do we charge for the pour or can they do it themselves? Dig by hand? We have a contractor that does this as well.

Zoning/Ordinance: Under old business

Fredonia Planning Commission: Meeting last Thursday, think master plan is put to bed, Robert is going to update, plan to put on the website so that everyone can see it? George will coordinate with Carl to get on website. Public hearing will be held the end of April. Make changes if needed. Jill and George will go to country to update maps. There will be a copy of the plan provided to board members.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Code Enforcement Officer:** Doug has been searching for a code enforcement officer and Terry Travis will talk to Doug before the end of the year.

***Township Sign:** Discussion held on quotes for new sign and will obtain additional quotes for comparison. Will keep current posts; remove decorative wood around existing 4X4 posts and cover existing posts with black sleeves. Add caps - \$1538. Discussion held on keeping font the same and adding some scallops on the sides.

***Security camera(s):** Discussion held on security with cameras, replacing doors and glass. Will review the American Rescue plan funds on how the funds can be used.

***Audit:** Cathy and JC will meet with auditor and will complete the compilation audit

***Tables/Keys:** Tables are falling apart, suggest we turn them all upside down and tighten them to the bases. Keys: door fixed on east side of building, will follow up with Doors Unlimited with any issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Planning appointments:** There are 2-three year terms expire on 12/31/21 for Fred Woods and George Crandall. Terry made motion and Ken supported to renew both terms. Motion carried unanimously.

***BOR:** December Board of review met with Kathryn Wright, deputy assessor and 5 petitions served

Public Comment: Phil will follow up on titles for new fire trucks. Discussion held on American Rescue Funds and how they can be spent

Board Comment: Board discussed FDIC insurance for accounts, JC will review and advise. Thank you, Phil, for fixing the toilet in the men’s room.

Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:31 PM

Minutes submitted by:

Laura Miller, Township Deputy Clerk _____

Date: 12/30/2021

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor _____

Date: