

**Fredonia Township Board-Regular Meeting**  
**January 18, 2021 6:30 PM**  
**Fredonia Township Hall**  
**8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068**

**MINUTES**

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**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: None

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** None

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** Doug received a letter from Marshall Township Board today concerning their agreement with CTI. Doug will review and we will decide if we need a similar agreement with CTI.

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**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:**

Motion made by JC and supported by Terry to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 board meeting.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT-**

Treasurer JC Skowron provided current year-to-date financial report to review.

**FILE FOR AUDIT**

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**READING OF THE BILLS** by **Cathy Combs**

**NO CORRECTIONS REQUESTED**

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

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** Chief Damon advised there were 10 fire calls and 12 medical calls for November 2020. In December 2020, there were 7 fire calls and 10 medical calls. Total for the year was 195 calls. The department held medical emergencies, small equipment training and also revisited “difficult to find” addresses in the coverage area. Firefighter Dan Cole, Captain Ken Huestis and Chief Damon went to CSI in Grayling to do layout of equipment and cabinet inspection of the Wildland Rescue Truck. Truck should be ready for delivery in 4-6 weeks.

**Ambulance:** Ken reported last meeting was short and no decisions on replacement of personnel.

**Roads:** Meeting to be held 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February.

**County Planning:** None

**Cemetery:** Doug advised 2 burials last week.

**Zoning/Ordinance:** None

**Fredonia Planning Commission:** None

**Board of Review:** None

**Finance:** Doug advised that he would begin budget preparations starting in February.

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**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Estimate for Tree Removal – Houston Cemetery:** Phil obtained 2 estimates Parks Tree Service \$1800 and Top to Bottom Tree Service \$1200 to remove a large cherry tree that is split down the middle and in danger of coming down. Discussion held on removing for safety reasons and to prevent damage to the headstones. Also, this is an expense not expected in the budget and a budget adjustment is needed. Revenue received from Firekeepers and the State. Terry made a motion and supported by Ken to accept the bid from Top to Bottom and make a budget adjustment from revenue to pay for the tree removal at Houston Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Planning Commission:** Doug advised the current members with their 3 year term expiring are Genie Rogstad and John Dietz. Both members are interested in an additional 3 years. JC moved to appoint Genie and John to the Planning Commission and supported by Terry. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Board of Review:** Members serve a 2 year term. The current members are Andrea Boughton, Dan Livingston Sr. and Genie Rogstad. Doug advised members have been contacted and are interested in serving another 2 years. Also, would suggest adding an alternate and Anne Crandall has agreed to be an alternate. Discussion held that there is mandatory training that is needed with MTA. JC made motion and supported by Ken to re-appoint Andrea, Dan and Genie and add Anne as the alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals:** Doug recommended reappointing Bob Zalewski, Dan Washburn, Terry Day with adding 1<sup>st</sup> alternate: Jill Settineri and 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate: Dianna Baker. Ken made motion with support from JC to reappoint Bob, Dan and Terry and adding Jill as the first alternate is one person cannot attend and Dianna as second alternate if 2 people are not able to attend. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution – Fire Truck Installment Purchase Agreement:** Doug explained resolution needed to approve entry into a purchase agreement with CSI and Southern Michigan Bank and Trust. Cathy resolved with resolution 2021-01 and supported by Terry that Fredonia Township board approve entry into Installment Purchase Agreement for fire truck (s) as outlined in the minutes. Roll call vote: JC: Yes; Ken: Yes; Terry: Yes; Cathy: Yes; Doug: Yes. Resolution carried unanimously.

**County Park Mileage:** County needs to know how Fredonia Township would like to proceed with funds obtained from mileage. Townships are able to either apply the funds towards their parks or put it on hold up to 3 years for future use. Ken made motion and supported by Terry to put the funds allotted to Fredonia on hold for future use. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**Board Comment:**

Ken suggested that the board put together a list of items needing repaired such as the doors in the hall. Doug wanted to thank the late John LaForge for donating top soil at Lyon Lake Cemetery.

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**Supervisor Doug Damon adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM**

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Minutes prepared by Cathy Combs

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/19/2021 \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Combs, Township Clerk                      Date

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Doug Damon, Township Supervisor                      Date

**FREDONIA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD RESOLUTION # 2021-01**

A RESOLUTION of the Township of Fredonia, Calhoun County, Michigan to approve entry into Installment Purchase Agreement for Fire Truck (s).

WHEREAS, MCL 123.721 authorizes townships, after adoption of a resolution for the purchase of personal property for public purposes to be paid for in installments over a period of not to exceed fifteen (15) years and not to exceed the useful life of the property acquired as determined by the resolution; and

WHEREAS, Fredonia Township wishes to purchase a new fire truck (s) from CSI EMERGENCY APPARATUS described as:

ONE SPARTAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE PUMPER TANKER \$475,437

ONE WILDLAND RESCUE TRUCK \$189,970

and to pay for the same in installments over a period of EIGHT years; AND

WHEREAS, Fredonia Township determines the useful life of the fire truck to be 25 years:

WHEREAS, Fredonia Township wishes to authorize Doug Damon, Township Supervisor AND Treasurer, JC Skowron to sign the installment purchase agreement on behalf of Fredonia Township;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FREDONIA, that the Fredonia Township Board approves entry into an installment purchase contract with CSI EMERGENCY APPARATUS and SOUTHERN MICHIGAN BANK & TRUST for the truck (s) Spartan Pumper Truck and Wildland Rescue Truck for a period of eight years.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Doug Damon AND Treasurer JC Skowron, are authorized to sign the installment purchase agreement on behalf of Fredonia Township.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Board Member: Cathy Combs.

Seconded by Board Member: Terry Day

Upon roll call vote, the following voted, Aye: \_\_\_5\_\_\_Nay:\_\_\_0\_\_\_\_\_

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

THE UNDERSIGNED DO HEREBY ATTEST THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2021.

Doug Damon \_\_\_\_\_

Cathy Combs \_\_\_\_\_

Jeanette Skowron \_\_\_\_\_

Terry Day \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth Huestis \_\_\_\_\_