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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2023**

A Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on August 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

PRESENT:	TRUSTEE – Matt Rimel
SUPERVISOR – Al VanWashenova	TRUSTEE – Chris Collins
CLERK – Kyle Bryant	TRUSTEE – Christiaan Carlton
TREASURER – Julie Ellison	TRUSTEE – Gary Klemz
TWP ATTORNEY – Kerry Bondy	

Deputy Clerk, Jessica Burt; Utility Director, Rich Weirich; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens; Public Safety/Economic Development Director, Dave Uhl; Recreation Director, Phil Coyle; HR Director, Sarah Karl via ZOOM, Monroe County Sheriff, Troy Goodnough and 3 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 7:01 PM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Move Agenda item #16 ahead of Agenda item #15

MOTION #23.240 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion was made by Mr. Carlton; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve the August 22, 2023 agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.241 – APPROVAL OF AUGUST 22, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made was Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. August 15, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between August 16, 2023 to August 18, 2023
- c. Invoices to be Paid on August 18, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #23.242 – COMBINATION OF 2 TOWNSHIP LOTS FOR MUNICIPAL PROJECT – 476-006-00 & 476-008-00: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the property combination of Parcel ID# 476-006-00 & 476-008-00 and allow the Supervisor to sign the deed once the combination has been approved. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.243 – DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE TO MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP PARTICIPATING PLAN: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the Resolution Confirming Appointment of Member Representative to the Michigan Township Participation Plan. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.244 – DISCUSSION – LEASE TIME CLOCKS FOR ALL HOURLY EMPLOYEES: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to table this item. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.245 – RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE A DIXIE HIGHWAY CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the Resolution of Intent to Create a Dixie Highway Corridor Improvement Authority as amended. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.246 – RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE A TELEGRAPH ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the Resolution of Intent to Create a Telegraph Road Corridor Improvement Authority as amended. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.247 – 2023 TAX ROLL RESOLUTIONS: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve the Millage based 2023 Tax Roll Resolutions. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.248 – DISCUSSION – AUTHORIZE CLERK BRYANT TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to authorize the Township Clerk to execute on behalf of the Township, applications, permits, agreements including but not limited to the 433 agreement, drainage maintenance agreement, easements, drain right of way construction permit and such other documents required by the Monroe County Drain Commissioner’s Office. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #23.249 – CLOSED SESSION – OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8D: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8d to discuss a potential property purchase and to include Township Attorney, Deputy Clerk, Director Uhl, Human Resources Director via ZOOM, TC Clements, Tim Lake and Todd Dickerson. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 7:34 PM.

MOTION #23.250 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES/RECONVENE INTO REGULAR MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the minutes of Closed Session and to reconvene in open session. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 8:32 pm.

MOTION #23.251 – AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP CLERK & DIRECTOR UHL: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to authorize the Township Clerk and Director Uhl to proceed with the proposal as discussed and to allow the Township Clerk to execute agreements required with the revisions discussed and as suggested by the Township Attorney. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs.

Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.252 – CLOSED SESSION – OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8C & 8H: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8c & 8h to discuss collective bargaining matters and Attorney client privileged correspondence and to include the Township Attorney, Deputy Clerk, Director Uhl and Human Resources Director via ZOOM. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 8:37 pm.

MOTION #23.253 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION

MINUTES/RECONVENE INTO REGULAR MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the minutes of Closed Session and to reconvene in open session. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 9:04 pm.

MOTION#23.254 – AUTHORIZE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to deny the Letter of Agreement as it's not necessary and to direct Human Resources Director Karl to provide the employee with the current contract language. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.255 – ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the August 22, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 9:27 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk