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**BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2023**

A Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on May 16, 2023 at 3:00 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; Economic Development and Public Safety Director, Dave Uhl; Human Resources, Sarah Karl; Building Official, Gary Dahl and 1 other person were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 3:01 PM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Add 11A, Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8a.

MOTION #23.142 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the May 16, 2023 agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.143 – APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Rimel 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. May 9, 2023 –Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between May 10, 2023 to May 12, 2023
- c. Invoices to be Paid on May 16, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #23.144 – DISCUSSION – PURCHASE NEW LAPTOPS: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve purchasing new laptops at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. 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 #23.145 – REPLACE LAKE ERIE TRANSIT FRENCHTOWN APPOINTMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve replacing member Williams with Jeremy Bayer for the

Frenchtown's Lake Erie Transit appointment for the remainder of the term through December 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.146 – DISCUSSION – REVIEW OF PROPOSED FML CHANGES: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to table this item for more information. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: The Board discussed this item.

MOTION #23.147 – CLOSED SESSION – UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8A: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve going into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8a as requested by the Utility Director and to include the Utility Director, Human Resources, Township Attorney and Deputy Clerk. 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. This vote was taken at 3:38 pm.

MOTION #23.148 – 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 under Section 8a and to reconvene in open session. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 3:45 pm.

MOTION #23.149 – UTILITY DIRECTOR'S 3 YEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve Rich Weirich's 3-year employment contract as discussed with a few minor changes by the Township Attorney. 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.

MOTION #23.150 – 1ST READING – NEW ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the 1st Reading of the New Zoning Ordinance No. 300 and new Zoning Map with correction regarding industrial uses in Ag as discussed. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #23.151 – WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve moving current employee Cole Mullins to the Water Department Operator position effective May 22, 2023. 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.

MOTION #23.152 – ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn the May 16, 2023 Board Workshop Meeting at 4:17 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk