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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on April 9, 2024 at 8:00 AM at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

PRESENT:	TRUSTEE – Matt Rimel - EXCUSED
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; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens; Utility Director, Rich Weirich; Township Public Safety/Economic Development Director, Dave Uhl; Building Official, Gary Dahl; Township Engineer, Mark Mathe; City of Monroe Representatives, Barry Laroy and Sarah Rutkowski of Fishbeck; Monroe County Sheriff, Troy Goodnough; State Representative, William Bruck and 1 on-duty firefighter were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 8:00 AM.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None

**MOTION #24.86 – AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion made by Mr. Carlton; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the April 9, 2024 agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.87 – APPROVAL OF APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. March 19, 2024 – Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between March 20, 2024 to April 5, 2024
- c. Invoices Paid on April 9, 2024
- d. Ice Cream Vendor License – Amaysing Ice Cream

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION – MONROE METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEM – FISCAL YEAR 2025 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT:**

Barry Laroy and Sarah Rutkowski gave a presentation regarding the proposed projects which included a power point. The Township Board members discussed the proposed project. There was an opportunity for comments and questions from the Board and from those in attendance.

**MOTION #24.88 – DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL PROJECT PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR WET WEATHER SANITARY & WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS & DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE:** Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve and adopt the Resolution Adopting a Final Project Planning Document for Wet Weather Sanitary & Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements & Designating an Authorized Project Representative. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.89 – DPW PURCHASE REQUEST – WOODCHIPPER:** Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the DPW Director to purchase a woodchipper at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 as proposed. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.90 – DPW PURCHASE REQUEST – BOOM/BOX TRUCK:** Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the DPW Director to purchase a Boom/Box Truck at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00 as proposed. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.91 – WATER DEPT PURCHASE REQUEST – DUMP TRUCK:** Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve the Water Department to purchase a Dump Truck at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 as proposed. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.92 – REVIEW PROPOSED FUNDING FOR SENIOR CENTER:** Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve increasing the length of years for the Senior Center lease to 20 years and with the change as discussed by our Township Attorney. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.93 – DISCUSSION – FIRE DEPT PURCHASE REQUEST – DOOR ACCESS CARDS:** Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve purchasing door access card readers at Fire Stations 1, 2 & 3 from Access & Alarm at a cost not to exceed \$13,140.19. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.94 – DISCUSSION – REVIEW PROPOSED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN FCT FIRE DEPT & MONROE COMM. AMBULANCE:** Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement with MCA and to have the Fire Chief and Public Safety Director review data after 60 days and report back to the Board in the matter. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.95 – DISCUSSION – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE 169-9:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance Amendment 169-9. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.96 – DISCUSSION – TOWNSHIP WEBSITE QUOTES:** Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Collins to approve CivicPlus quote as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Bruck gave an update to the Board as to what has been going on in Lasing.

**MOTION #24.97 – CLOSED SESSION UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8d:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve going into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8d and to include the Township Attorney, Deputy Clerk, DPW Director, Twp Engineer and Economic Development Director. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 6-0. The vote was taken at 9:49 am.

**MOTION #24.98 – 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 6-0. This vote was taken at 10:30 am.

**MOTION #24.99 – ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 10:45 AM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

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Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

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Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk