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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on December 12, 2023 at 8:00 AM 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 - EXCUSED
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; Human Resources Director, Sarah Karl via ZOOM; Monroe County Sheriff, Troy Goodnough; 2 off duty fire fighters and 2 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 8:01 AM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Move Agenda item#12 to #15A, Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8c.

MOTION #23.368 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the December 12, 2023 agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.369 – APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. November 28, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. December 5, 2023 – Special Board Meeting Minutes
- c. Invoices Paid between November 29, 2023 to December 8, 2023
- d. Invoices to be Paid on December 12, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT: One retired employee had comments regarding medical & dental insurance coverage. One person spoke regarding any upcoming changes to the Zoning Ordinance for Camp Lord Willing.

MOTION #23.370 – DISCUSSION – 2024 BUDGET ADMINISTRATION RESOLUTION: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the 2024 Budget Administration Resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.371 – DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION EXEMPTING FRENCHTOWN FROM

REQUIREMENTS OF PA 152 OF 2011 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the Resolution Exempting Frenchtown from Requirements of PA 152 of 2011 for Calendar Year 2024. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.372 – DISCUSSION – TOWNSHIP GENERATOR MAINTENANCE RENEWAL- CRG

ELECTRIC: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the Township Generator Maintenance Renewal with CRG Electric at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.373 – DISCUSSION – PURCHASE REQUEST – TURN OUT GEAR – FIRE

DEPARTMENT: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Bryant to purchase 7 sets of Turn Out Gear from Phoenix Safety Outfitters at a cost not to exceed \$24,010.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.374 – DISCUSSION – 2024 TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE:

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the 2024 Township Meeting Schedule. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.375 – DISCUSSION – PROPOSED DPW 2024 WAGES:

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the \$1.00 per hour for the following DPW job titles: DPW Service Worker, DPW Operator, Water/DPW Billing Agent, Maintenance, Maintenance Supervisor, Asset Manager, \$2.00 per hour for the DPW Foreman and \$4.50 per hour for DPW Supervisor. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.376 – DISCUSSION – 2024 TOWNSHIP WAGE/SALARY SCHEDULE:

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to table this item until the December 19, 2023 meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.377 – WATER DEPARTMENT PURCHASE –2015 JOHN DEERE GATOR:

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve purchasing a 2015 John Deere Gator Utility Cart for an amount not to exceed \$13,493.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 5-0. Treasurer Ellison was absent for roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #23.378 – CLOSED SESSION -OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8C:

Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mr. Bryant to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8c and to include Township Attorney, Deputy Clerk, Public Safety Director, Human Resources Director via ZOOM. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 6-0. This vote was taken at 8:59 am.

MOTION #23.379 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION

MINUTES/RECONVENE INTO REGULAR MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Bryant 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 9:40 am.

MOTION #23.380 – REVIEW IAFF LOCAL 3233 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve and ratify the Tentative Agreements of the Township Bargaining Committee and IAFF Local 3233 dated November 17, 2023 and November 27, 2023 as well

as the Settlement Agreement dated November 27, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #23.381– ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 10:02 AM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk