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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on December 14, 2021 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; Township Engineer, Mark Mathe; Building Official, Joe Lehmann; Human Resources, Michelle Affholter-Ulrich and 18 persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 3:02 PM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

MOTION #21.364 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve the December 14, 2021 as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.365 – APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2021 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. November 23, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between November 24, 2021 to December 10, 2021
- c. Invoices to be Paid on December 14, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT: Two (2) residents of Woodland Beach asked the Board about the status of 3221 Parkwood blight issues because they attended the October 26, 2021 Board meeting and there hasn't been improvement. Another resident stated that there are two (2) blight concerns at 3241 & 3247 Erie Shores Drive, 3205 Lakeshore in Erie Shores and 3510 N Dixie with overgrown trees blocking the Lake view and a gap in the flood protection causing flooding. Librarian Diana Martel thanked the Board for the improvements that have been made so far to the Township Libraries. One person thanked the Librarians for all that they do.

MOTION #21.366 – 3221 PARKWOOD: Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Bryant directing the Building Department to take action against 3221 Parkwood blight issues and for the Blight Inspector/Building

Department to report back to the Township Board on this matter by the 1st meeting in January 2022. 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 #21.367 – OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING – 2022 BUDGET: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2022 Budget. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 3:26 pm.

DISCUSSION -2022 BUDGET: The Board discussed the Proposed 2022 Budget. One person had questions regarding the 2022 Budget.

MOTION#21.368 – CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING – 2022 BUDGET: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded Mrs. Ellison to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2022 Budget. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 3:53 pm.

MOTION #21.369 – DISCUSSION – BULK COLLECTION SERVICE: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Rimel to allow the Township Supervisor and Stevens Disposal to work together to pick 2 days a week that Stevens Disposal will collect bulk items per Stevens Disposal request and to review this updated process quarterly. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.370 – 2ND READING – 401(A) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN ORDINANCE

AMENDMENT: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the 2nd Reading of 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan Ordinance Amendment. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.371 – 2022 BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve the 2022 Board Appointments and approve the legal services hourly increase to \$155.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.372 – 2022 BUDGET ADMINISTRATION RESOLUTION: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to adopt the 2022 Budget Administration Resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – SALARY COMPENSATION COMMITTEE’S DETERMINATION: The Board discussed the Salary Compensation Committee’s determination.

MOTION #21.373 – REMOVE FROM TABLE – DISCUSSION – ADOPTION OF 2022 EMPLOYEE WAGE/SALARY SCHEDULE: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to remove from the table. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.374 –ADOPTION OF 2022 EMPLOYEE WAGE/SALARY SCHEDULE: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the 2022 Employee Wage/Salary Schedule as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.375 – DISCUSSION – 1st READING – ZONING ORDINANCE 200 AMENDMENT 200-154 – ARTICLE 4.0, SECTION 4.46 – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the 1st Reading of Zoning Ordinance 200 Amendment 200-154, Article 4.0, Section 4.46. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.376 - DISCUSSION – OPIOID SETTLEMENT PARTICIPANT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Collins to table this item. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.377 – REMOVE FROM TABLE – DISCUSSION – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2022-2027: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to remove this item from table. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.378 – DISCUSSION – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2022-2027 : Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve the Capital Improvement Plans 2022-2027 as amended. 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 #21.379 – DISCUSSION – RAILROAD FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve obtaining a quote from Mannik & Smith to install flashing warning lights and signs alerting residents that a train is blocking the road ahead. 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 #21.380 – PURCHASE REQUEST – SPEED SIGNS: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve purchasing 10 Radar Speed signs and 2 portable Radar Speed signs from Elan City at a cost not to exceed \$32,000.00. 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 #21.381 – DISCUSSION – SHARED USE PATH ALONG MALL ROAD: Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve allowing Mannik & Smith to look into the Shared use along Mall Road with the Monroe County Road Commission. 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.

DISCUSSION – TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY – PARCEL ID# 5807-476-008-00: The Board discussed this item.

MOTION #21.382 – PURCHASE REQUEST – DEF DIESEL EMISSION FLUID IN BULK: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve purchasing 4 pallets from Corrigan Oil at a cost not to exceed \$3,400.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: One person stated that the Board shouldn't sell the Township's property along N Dixie Hwy and thanked the Board for its financial holdings of all Township accounts. Tenant located at 3221 Parkwood stated that he feels he is being picked on for his blight issues and there are other blight issues in Woodland Beach that should be getting addressed.

MOTION #21.383 – YARD WASTE DUMPSTER: Motion made by Mr. Mr. Klemz; seconded Mr. Bryant to approve putting a dumpster for Yard Waste collection only on Township property for a limited time at a cost of \$250 for a pick up. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.384 – BLIGHT: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Klemz to take all Blight duties from the Supervisor's office and have them returned to the Building Department, to have the Blight Inspector report directly to the Building Official and to have the Building Official report directly to the Township Board, effective immediately. 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 #21.385 – ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the December 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting at 6:02 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk