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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on February 8, 2022 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; Recreation Director, Phil Coyle; Building Official, Joe Lehmann; Monroe County Sheriff, Troy Goodnough; Human Resources, Michelle Affholter-Ulrich and 6 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 3:00 PM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION #22.41 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the February 8, 2022 as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #22.42 – APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8, 2022 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. January 25, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between January 26, 2022 to February 4, 2022
- c. Invoices to be Paid for February 8, 2022
- d. Arcade License – Ulek Pinball & Classic Arcade

PUBLIC COMMENT: One person informed the Board that the blight inspector should be informed that he can't trespass on private property.

MOTION #22.43 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY AND

GUIDELINES: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt the Resolution Establishing Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #22.44 – DISCUSSION – DANGEROUS BUILDING BIDS – 3079 2ND STREET & 3037 5TH

STREET: Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the Building Official's recommendation to contract with David C. Hoffman & Sons for the demolitions of 3079 2nd street and 3037 5th street and to allow for up to an additional \$5,000.00 for each address for the removal of any hazardous waste found. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #22.45 – MCRC ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS FOR 2022: Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the 2022 Monroe County Road Commission with the removal of the Cypress Pointe subdivision contract. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #22.46 –PURCHASE REQUEST – BODY ARMOR – FIRE DEPARTMENT: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve purchasing body armor from Municipal Emergency Services at a cost to the Township not to exceed \$10,300.00 with the condition that the Chief prepare a Standard Operating Procedure addressing when the firefighters must wear the vests as part of their uniforms. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #22.47 – DISCUSSION ONLY – CURRENT AMBULANCE SITUATION: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve the Fire Department purchasing a 1998 AEV Trauma Hawk ambulance at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 from Kodiak Emergency Vehicles. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #22.48 – AMBULANCE REPAIRS: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve making all necessary repairs to Fire Department ambulance as proposed. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #22.49 – CLOSED SESSION – OPEN MEETINGS ACT SECTION 8A: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act under 8A as requested by the employee and to include Township Attorney, Bob Gagne and Joe Lehmann. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 4:03 pm.

MOTION #22.50 – TO INCLUDE JOE LEHMANN TO CLOSED SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to include Joe Lehmann in Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 4:04 pm.

Mr. Gagne and Mr. Lehmann were excused from the Closed Session at 4:20 pm.

MOTION #22.51 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION

MINUTES/RECONVENE TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to adjourn Closed Session and approve minutes. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 4:35 pm

MOTION #22.52 – BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS: Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Carlton to increase the Building Inspector hours to 37.5 per week. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion

carried 7-0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #22.53 – ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to adjourn the February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting at 4:57 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk