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**BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on January 17, 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; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens; Building Official, Gary Dahl; Public Safety/Economic Director, Dave Uhl; 3 on duty firefighters; Labor Attorney, Steve Schwartz via Zoom; 1 off duty firefighter and 1 other person were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 3:03 PM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Move all Agenda items before Closed Session.

MOTION #23.16– AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve the January 17, 2023 agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.17 – APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 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. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. January 10, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices paid between January 11, 2023 to January 13, 2023
- c. Invoices to be Paid on January 17, 2023
- d. Used Car Lot License – Victory Honda
- e. Used Car Lot License – Friendly Ford
- f. Arcade License – Ulek Store’s Pinball and Classic Arcade
- g. Arcade License – TA Monroe
- h. Arcade License – Phoenix Theaters

PUBLIC COMMENT: Building Official Dahl introduced Kelly McIntyre from CIB planners to the Township Board. She will be doing planning services for the Dixie Hwy/Telegraph Road corridors.

MOTION #33.18 – DISCUSSION – SUNSET MEADOWS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: Motion made by Mr.

Klemz; seconded by Rimel to authorize the Clerk’s Office to send correspondence to Sunset Meadows subdivision residents in the proposed special assessment district with information answering the question concerning top course of pavement, advising that a proposed district would be financed for 10 years at 6% interest, that they currently have 50% of residents on petition which is not sufficient for district to be created by petition and that they have until February 3 to add names to the petition for the proposed road improvement Special Assessment District in order for it to go forward. 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 #23.19 – AMEND MOTION#23.18:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to change the deadline for Sunset Meadows Special Assessment District from February 3, 2023 to February 17, 2023. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

MOTION#23.20 – CLOSED SESSION – OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8C: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Rimel to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8c to discuss collective bargaining matters and to include the Township Attorney; Labor Attorney via Zoom; Deputy Clerk and Public Safety Director. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 3:41 pm.

MOTION #23.21 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES/RECONVENE INTO WORKSHOP MEETING: Motion made by Mr. 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 7-0. This vote was taken at 4:32 pm.

MOTION#23.22 – 2022 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS TA APPROVED BY THE FIREFIGHTERS’ MEMBERSHIP: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Bryant to reject the packet entitled “2022 Contract Negotiations TA” approved by the firefighters’ membership for the following reasons: 1) The packet contains language requiring vested, unalterable retiree health insurance that was not tentatively approved by the Township’s bargaining committee as well as adds language granting retiree health care with no minimum requirements for years of service or for age; 2) The packet does not contain all of the tentative agreements reached between the Union’s and Township’s bargaining committees; 3) The packet leaves unresolved the Promotion Procedure which should be resolved as part of a comprehensive contract settlement; 4) The packet does not address unresolved issues that the Township bargaining committee was still considering prior to the Union membership’s vote and in addition contains and creates discrepancies and conflicts that were not intended by or approved by the Township’s bargaining committee; 5) There apparently was misinterpretation, misunderstanding and/or miscommunication between the bargaining committees regarding items that had been discussed in negotiations. The Township bargaining committee is directed to work with the Township Attorney to prepare a complete draft contract that reflects the tentative agreements previously reached by the Union and Township bargaining committees and which resolves the remaining issues and conflicts. To be considered the final, comprehensive tentative agreement, all members of the Township’s bargaining committee are required to sign the tentative agreement, with prior review by the Township Attorney, and before consideration by the Township Board. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.23– ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn the January 17, 2022 Board Workshop Meeting at 5:05 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.