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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on November 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>TRUSTEE – Matt Rimel</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR – Al VanWashenova</b>	<b>TRUSTEE – Chris Collins</b>
<b>CLERK – Kyle Bryant</b>	<b>TRUSTEE – Christiaan Carlton</b>
<b>TREASURER – Julie Ellison</b>	<b>TRUSTEE – Gary Klemz</b>
<b>TWP ATTORNEY – Kerry Bondy</b>	<b>DEPUTY CLERK – Jessica Burt</b>

Utility Director, Rich Weirich; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens; Township Public Safety/Economic Development Director, Dave Uhl; Building Official, Gary Dahl; Township Engineer, Mark Mathe; Township Planner, Justin Sprague; Several members from the County of Monroe & Monroe County Business Alliance staff; Dr. Kojo Quartey, President of Monroe County Community College and 44 persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 5:00 PM.

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

**MOTION #24.282 – AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the November 12, 2024 agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #24.283 – APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2024 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. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. October 28, 2024 – Special Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between October 29, 2024 to November 8, 2024
- c. Invoices Paid on November 12, 2024
- d. Peddlers License – Monroe Exchange Club & Monroe Knight of Columbus/Goodfellows

**PRESENTATIONS FROM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES, MONROE COUNTY BUSINESS ALLIANCE THAT SUPPORT REZONING FOR GRANDVIEW FARMS LOCATED ON N TELEGRAPH ROAD – PARCEL ID#’S 009-001-00 & 009-047-00:**

Michael Bosanac, County Administrator; TC Clements, CEO of Monroe County Business Alliance and Dr. Kojo Quartey, President of Monroe County Community College spoke to the Board that they are in favor of the proposed rezoning.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Several persons spoke at length in opposition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Zoning Map Amendment 300-09 for the property located on N Telegraph Road.

**MOTION #24.284 – DISCUSSION – 2<sup>ND</sup> READING – ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT 300-09 – PARCEL ID#’S 009-001-00 & 009-047-00:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment 300-09 to rezone Parcel Nos. 58-07-009-001-00 and 58-07-009-047-00 being approx. 138 acres from Ag Agricultural and C3 Highway Commercial to entirely C3 Highway Commercial for the reason that the Future Land Use Plan adopted in 2017 does not reflect the recent development trends in this area including for example, the County Link 2.0 Plan; the effect of the new Gordie Howe Bridge; the Meijer warehouse expansion and also as the requested zoning is compatible with land uses in the area. And further, to request the Planning Commission to address the changes in the development trend in this area as it reviews the Master Plan. The Applicant has also agreed to start construction within 3 years as a rezoning condition and that agreement is a condition of the approval. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Rimel-No. Motion carried 6-1.

The Board took a short 5 minute recess.

**MOTION#24.285 – DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION APPROVING ACT 342 CONTRACT – MONROE COUNTY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM:** Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve and adopt the Resolution Approving Act 342 Contract and Publication of Notice and to authorize the Township Clerk & Supervisor to sign the documents. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Rimel was absent during voting. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #24.286 – DISCUSSION – TAX INCREMENT SHARING AGREEMENT FOR THE N DIXIE HIGHWAY AND TELEGRAPH ROAD CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to table this item. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #24.287 – DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO THE TOWNSHIP WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 201:** Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the Resolution Adopting Amended Schedule of Rates and Charges to Township Water System Ordinance No. 201. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Rimel-No; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

**MOTION #24.288 – DISCUSSION – TAX ROLL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING: STREET LIGHTING, DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS, DELINQUENT UTILITIES, WEED CUTTING COSTS:** Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Klemz to adopt the Tax Roll Resolutions for street lighting, delinquent assessments, delinquent utilities and weed cutting as presented. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #24.289 – 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Collins to table this item. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE:** The Board discussed this item.

**MOTION #24.290 – DISCUSSION – SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2025 BUDGET:** Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Klemz to set the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget for November 26, 2024 at 7:00 pm. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** One person questioned the 8:00 am Board meeting time.

**MOTION #24.291 – ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the November 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 6:59 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

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Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

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Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk