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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on November 14, 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
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 and 7 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 8:03 AM.

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

MOTION #23.327 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the November 14, 2023 agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.328 – APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 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. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. October 24, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between October 25, 2023 to November 9, 2023
- c. Invoices to be Paid on November 14, 2023
- d. Peddlers License – Goodfellows

PUBLIC COMMENT: One person spoke regarding the status of the complaint for the pony that is living in a house in Detroit Beach Subdivision. One person spoke regarding DPW purchases requests, DPW budget and the necessary sidewalk repairs at Nadeau Rd Library. One person asked questions regarding the status of the long term resident status and any possible upcoming Ordinance changes for Camp Lord Willing.

MOTION #23.329 – DISCUSSION – REVIEW & APPROVE MCRC CULVERT REPLACEMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the material cost for 2 driveway culverts for the Norfolk Southern ditching project and MCRC crews to install at the time of ditching at a cost not to exceed

\$2,160.63. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-No; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

MOTION #23.330 – DISCUSSION – RESOLUTION ELIMINATING ELECTED CONSTABLE

POSITION: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to table this item until the November 28, 2023 Board Meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

WATER DEPARTMENT 2024 BUDGET: The Board discussed the Water Department 2024 Budget.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS 2024 BUDGET: The Board discussed the DPW 2024 Budget.

MOTION #23.331 – DISCUSSION – 2 MOWER MAX PURCHASES FOR 2024 – DPW: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve purchasing 2 Mower Max Tractors from AtMax Equipment for fiscal year 2024 DPW Budget at a cost not to exceed \$592,962.35 and to authorize the Utility Director to sign the contract. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.332 – DISCUSSION – PURCHASE 5 COMPUTERS – WATER/DPW: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve purchasing 5 desktop computers from Tech Experts at a cost not to exceed \$4,956.65. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.333 – DISCUSSION – COLE ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT BID: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve contracting with Hank's Plumbing and Heating for the Cole Road Water Main Project at a cost not to exceed \$661,302.00 with a 10% overage for possible change orders. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 2024 -WATER DEPARTMENT: The Board discussed this item.

DISCUSSION – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 2024 – DPW: The Board discussed this item.

MOTION #23.334 – DISCUSSION – REVIEW DPW JOB DESCRIPTION & HIRE 2 DPW SERVICE

WORKERS: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve the job description for DPW Service Worker and to authorize the Utility Director to post employments ads for 2024 employment agreements. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.335 – DISCUSSION – PURCHASE 3 VEHICLES (1 FOR WATER & 2 FOR DPW): Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to authorize the Utility Director to purchase 3 vehicles in the 2024 Budget at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.336 – DISCUSSION – SALARY COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2024-2025: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Carlton to accept and place on file the Salary Compensation Determination for 2024 & 2025. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-No; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-No. Motion carried 5-2.

MOTION #23.337 – DISCUSSION – FOIA REQUEST/APPEAL TO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF DENIAL:

Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Rimel to authorize the Township Attorney to proceed with the necessary response regarding the FOIA request appeal. 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.

DISCUSSION – SOLID WASTE & YARD WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT: The Board discussed this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #23.338 – SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024 BUDGET: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve setting the Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget for November 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Clerk Bryant was absent during voting.

MOTION #23.339 – PURCHASE CHRISTMAS SANTA SUIT FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve purchasing a new Santa Suit and Elf Suit for the Christmas Community Event at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.340 – CHANGE ORDER #'S 4R, 5R & 7: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve Change Order #'s 4R, 5R & 7 for the Municipal Project as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.341– 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