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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on September 12, 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; Township Labor Attorney, Steve Schwartz; Human Resources Director, Sarah Karl; Building Official, Gary Dahl; 1 off duty firefighter; County Commissioner, Randy Richardville and 29 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 8:00 AM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Add Agenda item 8A– Presentation on PFAS and 11A, Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8d.

MOTION #23.258 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve the September 12, 2023 agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.259 – APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 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. August 22, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. August 24, 2023 – Special Board Meeting Minutes
- c. Invoices Paid between August 23, 2023 to September 8, 2023
- d. Invoices to be Paid on September 12, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #23.260 – CLOSED SESSION – OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8C: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8c and to include Township Attorney, Township Labor Attorney, Human Resources Director and Deputy Clerk. 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. This vote was taken at 8:06 am.

MOTION #23.261 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION

MINUTES/RECONVENE INTO REGULAR MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Bryant 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 9:01 am.

PRESENTATION – REGARDING PFAS: Jordan Acker, Equity Partner with Goodman & Acker gave a presentation to the Board with 3 persons from ZOOM regarding combating PFAS contamination in Michigan waterways and class action litigation regarding PFAS.

MOTION#23.262 – 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 169-8 – RETIREE HEALTH,

DENTAL & VISION PLAN: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance Amendment 169-8, Proposed Retiree Health, Dental and Vision Plan Ordinance Amendment. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-No; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-No; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 5-2.

MOTION #23.263 – DISCUSSION – BCBS RATE SUMMARY – MEDICARE PLUS BLUE PPO: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the 2024 Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Plus Blue PPO rates and authorize Clerk Bryant to execute the required documents for 2024 enrollment. 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.

DISCUSSION – 2024 WAGE & SALARY: The Board discussed this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #23.264 – CLOSED SESSION – UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8D: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8d and to include Township Attorney, Deputy Clerk, Economic Development Director and Building Official. 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. This vote was taken at 9:48 am.

MOTION #23.265 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION

MINUTES/RECONVENE INTO REGULAR MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; 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 10:22 am.

MOTION #23.266 – RETIREMENT LETTER OF FIREFIGHTER BRENT ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the retirement letter for Brent Armstrong and to thank him for his years of service to the Township. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #23.267 - EXTEND MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. VanWashenova to extend the meeting over 3 years to discuss the proposed TIF district for the Corridor Improvement Authorities. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Representatives of CIB Planning and the Smith Group presented ideas to the audience and discussed current and possible future conditions, ideas for redevelopment, and strategies for attracting alternate uses within the proposed Corridor Improvement Authorities.

MOTION #23.267– ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to adjourn the September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 1:30 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.