**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting**

**June 17, 2024 6:30 PM**

**Fredonia Township Hall**

**8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068**

MINUTES

**BOARD MEMBERS present:** Doug Damon, Supervisor Cathy Combs, Clerk JC Skowron, Treasurer  Kyler Speaker, Trustee Terry Day, Trustee

STAFF present: Phil Damon, Fire Chief  Jacob Washburn, Deputy Supervisor/FD Training Officer  George Crandall, Twp. Planning Committee

Terry Travis, Code Enforcement Officer

**CALL TO ORDER:** Doug Damon called meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE:** Led by all

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:** Non-conformity Homes; Road Agreement-Newton; Twp Salaries; Fire Truck Repairs; 1% Admin Fee

**Guests:**

**\*Tommy Miller –** Water Resource Candidate – provided background and running for position as Water Resources Commissioner. Advised voting no on Parks and Recreation millage and gave opinion on Newton Township Road project

**\*Senior Services –** Discussed different resources and activities for our county. Advised township will have brochures to pass out to our residents.

**\*Bob Overly - Candidate for County Commissioner**: Advised here to represent our township as County Commissioner.

\***Ron Smith – Candidate for Water Resources Commissioner**: Ron is seeking re-election for this position. Explained he is only able to discuss voting on drains only and has no say on other lines. Advised our county commission have a say on the other lines.

**Matt Sexton – Candidate for County Commissioner**: Explained his role as past Sheriff and how he has collaborated and saved dollars for townships. Matt provided his direct cell number of 269-317-8823 for any questions.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  None

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:** May 20, 2024

T. Day made a motion and K. Speaker supported to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

J. Skowron provided monthly financial reports for board to review.

**FILE FOR AUDIT**

**READING OF THE BILLS by C. Combs**

**C. Combs advised technical difficulties with BS&A and will provide a copy to be reviewed at the July meeting.**

**REPORTS:**

**FIRE:** There were 7 fire and 7 medical calls for the month of May 2024. Training for the month included pump, drafting water and using master streams. Engine 8 has had the water pump replaced, serviced and pump tested. Rescue 8 has been pump tested and serviced, along with all tires being replaced. Tanker 8 should be finished today with testing. Ladder and hose testing will start at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. SCBA flow and fit test will be Monday, June 24, 2024. Annual Golf Outing-June 22 at the Marshall Country Club with 20 plus teams registered.

Fredonia Fire Department has arranged an EV class on Wednesday, June 19, from 6-10 p.m. at Tekonsha Fire Department. This will be through Rescue Resources and will be attended by Marshall City, Marshall Township, Marengo, Homer, and Tekonsha. All 6 departments will split the cost of this class.

**CEMETERY:** D. Damon wanted to thank J. Washburn and R. Combs for installing a few

**AMBULANCE:** None foundations. There was 1 cremation. Flags will be removed after 4th of July.

**ROADS:** G. Crandall – The county has started our project. B Drive south to division Dr and then go over with chip and seal. We are on track to get them all done by end of July. August 8 is the next road meeting.

**ZONING/ORDINANCE:** None

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Areas of focus is A. Drive South and 15 Mile Road. Reports of dogs to be handled by Calhoun Sheriff Department.

**PLANNING:** Public Hearing on July 17, 2024 to discuss auto shop.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**\*Eckford Fire Contract Services revision:** D. Damon reviewed contract with Eckford Township Supervisor and the revision would be for additional $1500; Revisions to the current contract to state total of $24,000 with $18,000 for fire services and $6,000 towards fire apparatus. K. Speaker made a motion and C. Combs supported. Motion carried unanimously. See contract at bottom of minutes.

**\*Short Term Rentals:**

**-**Recommendations for local 25-mile radius

**-**Section 2B **–** Local Agents posted phone # would be okay; Name and phone number: No, list address of property and local Agent phone #.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Road Agreement – Newton Township:** The road committee has talked to Newton Township regarding chip and seal on 12 Mile Road, C Drive South – H. Drive South. The cost to Fredonia would be a 25% match or $40,803.75. Fredonia would not owe anything until next year. D. Damon to contact the road commission about skip and pave as concerns about current condition of the road and if chip and seal would do any good at this time.

**1% Admin Fee –** This fee is only used for assessor and treasurer expenses and is incurred by most townships. Boad discussed that we currently have financial stability but not sure sustainable. Also, discussed permanent or annual review. JC Skowron made a motion and C. Combs supported to continue the 1% admin fee permanently and will review annually with the budget. Board votes 3 Ayes; 2 Oppose. Motion carried.

**\*Township Salaries:** There was a wage salary conducted with over 500 townships in Michigan for clerk salary, 40-50 townships close to our size range $21,000 and with inflation over the 5 years would recommend a percentage increase. Would like more information on other positions in order to proceed with board vote. Discussion to be held at budget hearing and follow up at July board meeting.

**\*Non-Conforming Homes**: K. Speaker discussed disappointment with requirement of ZBA for his home on US27 as only trying to build up and it’s non-conforming because 22’ off side yard. He states there are 2 conforming homes and 15 non-conforming. Need to look at homes and determine changing to medium density to help residents prior to having a ZBA.

**\*Fire Department Repairs:** P. Damon discussed that there are additional fire truck repairs needed. $2400.42 – transmission; $2323.12 water pump; Hose & Ladder, $3500; Fit and Flow, $2100; Pump service $14,131.46; Discussion held on addition additional to 2024-2025 budget to alleviated going over budget. C. Combs made a motion and T. Day supported to provide a total $25,455. Motion carried unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (for any new issues):**

\*Condemn Homes and is anyone following up on them?

\*Zoning of Lyon Lake is low density to keep out apartments

\*Election training is 6/26 and 6/27/24 and is 2.5-hour training

\*Any update on Porta Johns on 14 ½ Mile Road?

**BOARD COMMENT (TIME LIMIT-3 MINUTES PER ISSUE PER PERSON)**: None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Minutes prepared by C. Combs

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: May 20, 2024

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

**Fredonia Township / Eckford Township Fire Protection Agreement**

This Agreement made on this 17th of June 2024, between Fredonia Township, Calhoun County, Michigan (Fredonia), and Eckford Township, Calhoun County, Michigan (Eckford).

WHEREAS, Fredonia has a fire department and is willing to extend services to Eckford; and

WHEREAS, Eckford does not have a fire department and desires services from Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree Fredonia will be the first response fire department within the boundaries set by Homer, Marengo and Fredonia Township fire departments in a joint effort with Eckford; and

WHEREAS the parties agree Fredonia will run on all mutual aid calls.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree:

1. Eckford shall pay Fredonia on or before June 30, 2024, the sum of Twenty-four Thousand, and no/100 ($24,000) Dollars. Said sum shall be broken down by Fredonia as follows: Eighteen Thousand and no/100 ($18,000) Dollars for fire services and Six Thousand and no/100 ($6,000.00) Dollars towards fire apparatus. Like sums shall be paid by Eckford on or before June 30, 2025. On or before June 30, 2026, this Agreement shall be reviewed by the parties and a determination made as to extensions and/or future agreements.

2. Fredonia agrees to send the same number of fire trucks with firefighters, equipment and apparatus to Eckford as they would send on a call in Fredonia.

3. It is agreed if Fredonia is on a call in Fredonia, Eckford shall not expect Fredonia to leave the Fredonia call to respond to an Eckford call until the Fredonia call has cleared. However, Fredonia shall immediately call for mutual aid for the Eckford call.

4. It is agreed Fredonia shall hold Eckford harmless from any personal and/or property claims resulting in injury, damages, and/or workman’s compensation payments sustained in Eckford because of operation of Fredonia fire equipment and apparatus in Eckford.

Effective Date of Services: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

This Agreement represents a complete recitation of the agreement between the parties as to Fredonia fire services and any subsequent changes and/or amendments shall be upon written agreement of the parties.

This Agreement is entered into by both parties under the authority of its respective Township boards and is executed by the Supervisor and Clerk of each respective Township.

FREDONIA TOWNSHIP: ECKFORD TOWNSHIP

