

Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting
January 20, 2025 6:30 PM
Fredonia Township Hall
8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS present: Terry Day, Supervisor Meg Bosserd, Clerk Kyler Speaker, Treasurer
 Cathy Combs, Trustee John Miller, 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: T. Day called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by all

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: Addition – Status of parcel number 11-123-096-00.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ONLY FOR ITEMS ON AGENDA): Citizens expressed concern over Short Term Rentals. T. Day explained that the ordinance passed last year and that the agenda item was to discuss the Short-Term Rental Permit application.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH: Regular: December 16, 2024

C. Combs made a motion and K. Speaker supported to approve the minutes as printed for the December 16, 2024 regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AS READ

FINANCIAL REPORT: K. Speaker provided reports to review; He made winter tax distributions. Township received a state revenue payment.

FILE FOR AUDIT

READING OF THE BILLS by M. Bosserd

M. Bosserd provided a check register for the board to review dated December 16, 2024 - January 20, 2025, totaling \$122,245.85. K. Speaker made a motion and J. Miller supported to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AS READ

REPORTS:

FIRE: Chief Damon provided a report and stated there were 11 fire and 9 medical calls for the month of December 2024. Training this month: RIT training and monthly equipment checks were done. On January 7th, half of the department took their CPR and Igel training. The other half will complete this training on January 22nd. Continuing Ed classes were on the subjects of Emergency Medical Operations & Awareness and Pediatric Trauma. Equipment: Dependable Fire Apparatus Company fixed the brake issue with engine 8. When doing the repair, a lot of rust was found on the frame of engine 8. P. Damon will have quotes next month from Dependable Fire Apparatus for units designed to clean salt from underneath the trucks. Personnel: William Walbeck completed his Medical Emergency response class

and his National Registry exam. He is now licensed in the state of Michigan to run medical calls. P. Damon provided the roster of firefighters to the board.

CEMETERY: One burial at Lyon Lake Cemetery this past month. D. Damon has received several calls about lots. Nothing requires immediate action at this point. A couple calls about foundations placed in the spring.

ROADS: The next meeting will be February 4th where they will be looking at ideas for next year's projects.

ORDINANCE: None.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: None.

PLANNING: The next meeting is February 12th at 7pm. They will continue to work on the new lake district and battery storage.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Short Term Rentals:** C. Combs made a motion to take short-term rentals from the table and M. Bosserd supported. Motion carried unanimously.

T. Day discussed revisions made to the Short-Term Rental Permit application.

The recent ban of short-term rentals in Park Township was mentioned. Our current ordinance may need to be re-evaluated.

M. Bosserd made a motion to approve the Short-Term Rental Permit application document should the township move forward with short-term rentals. J. Miller seconded. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

***2024 Parks Millage Allocation Report & 2025 Allocation Request:** This report and request form was received and is due back to Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Commission on February 15th. The township spent \$6,678.37 for trash bins, a bench, and a shed for Brooks Nature Area. There is a \$11,377.50 millage balance. In order to qualify for our 2025 allocation of \$5,308.04, we need to reduce the balance to \$10,712.17. M. Bosserd made a motion to approve contributing \$700 towards a controlled burn at Brooks Nature Area. K. Speaker supported. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Speaker made a motion for M. Bosserd to complete the report and request form with potential project options of improvements to Saylor's Landing or acquiring land in our township for a park or nature walk. J. Miller supported. Motion carried unanimously.

***Board of Review nominations:** T. Day nominated Andrea Boughton, Anne Crandall, Mike Hicks, and Adam Fish (as an alternate) to the Board of Review. T. Day made a motion to approve Andrea Boughton, Anne Crandall, Mike Hicks, and Adam Fish (as an alternate) to the Board of Review. M. Bosserd supported. Motion carried unanimously.

***ZBA Alternate Nomination:** T. Day nominated James Bosserd as an alternate to the ZBA. K. Speaker made a motion a approve James Bosserd as an alternate to the ZBA. J. Miller supported. Motion carried unanimously.

***Southern Michigan Bank & Trust CD Account:** SMB&T holds our check deposits. K. Speaker and C. Combs are currently on the account. K. Speaker made a motion to add M. Bosserd to the Southern Michigan Bank & Trust account. T. Day supported. Motion carried unanimously.

***Status of parcel number 11-123-096-00:** A letter of condemnation dated January 7th, 2025 was mailed to this property. Owner has 30 days to demolish the house.

PUBLIC COMMENT (for any new issues):

- *Resident suggested microphones for board members.
- *Ben Lark presented the board with a new American flag for Township Hall.
- *Matt Saxton, 6th District Calhoun County Board Commissioner, introduced himself and provided his contact information.

BOARD COMMENT (TIME LIMIT-3 MINUTES PER ISSUE PER PERSON):

- *M. Bosserd read D. Damon's update of the Little Free Library. The door is complete and will be replaced when the weather is warmer.
- *Board members addressed recent confrontation in the township office. This behavior is not to be tolerated and further action will be taken if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Minutes prepared by M. Bosserd

Meg Bosserd, Township Clerk *Meg Bosserd*

Date: 2/19/25

Terry Day, Township Supervisor *Terry R. Day*

Date: 2/19/25