

**Fredonia Township Board Regular Meeting**  
**November 18, 2024 6:30 PM**  
**Fredonia Township Hall**  
**8803 17 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI 49068**

**MINUTES**

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**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 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by all

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:** 2025 Road Project; Approval of new officers on bank account; Assessments; flag

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:** Regular: October 21, 2024

K. Speaker made a motion and T. Day supported to approve the minutes as printed for the October 21, 2024 regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Reports provided to review. J. Skowron said percentages between income and expenses were consistent and looking good. Percentages in expenses rising in different departments. Township is missing payments from shared revenue. C. Combs to check the state of Michigan site. Lyon Lake weed control assessment will increase 9%. The new total is \$89.49. There are 118 total lots - 111 lots on the lake and 7 on the opposite side.

**FILE FOR AUDIT**

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

C. Combs provided a check register for the board to review dated October 21-November 14, 2024, totaling \$32,390.03. T. Day made a motion and K. Speaker supported to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVED AS READ**

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**REPORTS:**

**FIRE:** Chief Damon provided a report and stated there were 6 fire and 8 medical calls for the month of October 2024. Training this month: Monthly equipment checks, Fire preplan and inspection was done at the Shell Station, Johnny's, on Old 27 and a Fire preplan and inspection was also done at Lyon Lake United Methodist Church on Old 27. Our continuing education was pediatric medical and pediatric patient assessment. Equipment: Dependable Fire Apparatus Company from Coldwater will be here within the next couple of weeks to do the annual service on the squad. We received all of our replacement gear that was damaged in the Fenton Fire. Activities: A special thank you for those that volunteered to help out with representing Fredonia Fire Department at the annual Lyon Lake Trunk n' Treat. Chief Damon gave a new Dispatch Subscriber Agreement to the board for review.

**CEMETERY:** There was one burial since last month. There is one burial this upcoming Friday. Leaves are still smoldering from burning.

**ROADS:** There was a road meeting last Tuesday, November 12th. The next meeting will be February 4th to discuss 2025. The road millage passed.

**ORDINANCE:** None.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Attorney to be contacted for condemned property on Lyon Lake.

**PLANNING:** Next meeting will be on December 11, 2024.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**\*Short Term Rentals:** Question on Planning Commission to approve and clarification of when Planning meets for recommendation. G. Crandall is to ask Robert to clarify on how long approval will last, what percentage can be short term rentals, etc. J. Miller and M. Bosserd to review at January or February meeting.

**\*Road Agreement - Newton:** Chris from Newtown Township and Cory and Brian from Calhoun County Road Commission attended the last road meeting. The representatives from Fredonia, Newton, and Calhoun County agreed on a tentative plan for 12 Mile Rd. in 2027 - mill it down and then double chip and seal (crush and shape.) Fredonia Township will be responsible for 25% of the cost, Newton 25%, and the County will cover 50%. Fredonia Township's portion is estimated to be \$241,000. 2025 projects include G Dr. S between Old 27 and the Eckford Township boundary and K Dr. S between 12 Mile and 13 Mile with Eckford Township. 2026 projects include 18 Mile Rd. with Eckford. K. Speaker made a motion to approve recommendation from the Road Committee and T. Day supported. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Security Window and Door:** J. Miller said Battle Creek Glass would be able to handle installation of bullet proof glass and solid door. K. Speaker (Treasurer Elect) and M. Bosserd (Clerk Elect) are to discuss options and get with J. Miller to schedule visit from vendor and get quotes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Assessments:** R. Smith discovered permits were missing from the system during the period of December 2021 - December 2023 resulting in lost tax revenue. He said approximately 30 properties are not being taxed appropriately. One property with a new house with pole barn should be paying \$6,000 and are currently paying \$900. The December Board of Review's meeting is on December 10th. Winter tax bills will have already been mailed out. Checks and balances need to be put in place; Board needs to verify work completed. K. Speaker made a motion to approve R. Smith to be paid for re-assessing properties at \$35 per parcel totaling \$1,050 and J. Skowron supported. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Office Monitors:** C. Combs offered to purchase two monitors not in use at the township to donate to the fair. K. Speaker made a motion to approve the purchase at \$10 per monitor totaling \$20 and T. Day supported. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Telecommunication Towers - Zoning:** At their regularly scheduled meeting held on October 28th, the Calhoun County Planning Commission (CCPC) action to recommend that the Fredonia Township Board approve the request to amend the zoning text regarding Telecommunication Towers as presented. The amendment reads "We are removing the 1320 feet requirement only. Fredonia Township currently has four such towers, none of them comply with this mandate." K. Speaker made a motion to approve the amendment recommended by the CCPC and C. Combs supported. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Approval of new officers for depository/check signatures:** Kyler Speaker (Treasurer Elect) and Margaret Bosserd (Clerk Elect) to be added as signatories to the township checking account at Huntington Bank as soon as possible so that they are able to sign checks when they take office on November 20th. T. Day made a motion and C. Combs supported. Motion carried unanimously. Deputies will be Cathy Combs, Deputy Clerk and Cynthia Newsome, Deputy Treasurer who are already check signers.

**\*Flag:** The hall's flag blew away in high winds. Ben Lark offered to donate a 5x8 flag. J. Washburn recommended new hooks. T. Day made a motion for B. Lark to donate flag and X supported. Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Chairs:** The 50 new chairs arrived. J. Washburn to purchase old black chairs at \$2/chair. K. Speaker made a motion and T. Day supported. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- \*Assessor to send screenshot of list of permits to Clerk
- \*Resident called for a peaceful transition, training for new electors, take opportunity to learn from other townships and classes, and for township business only laptops.
- \*Resident alleged new software in town is Chinese-based and presents security issues.
- \*Laura Miller and Anne Crandall were thanked for the November election.
- \*D. Damon and J. Skowron were thanked for serving on the Board. D. Damon read a letter about being Supervisor for twelve years, elections, rules to follow.

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

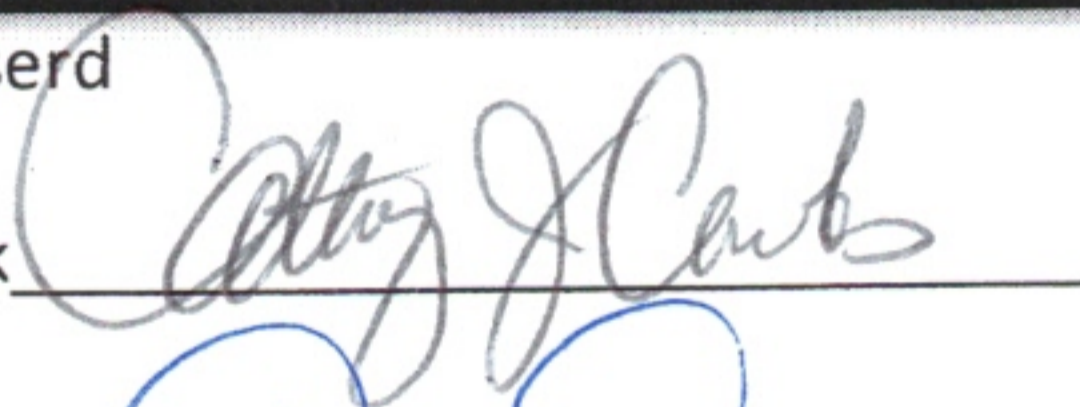
\*There will be a special meeting held on Monday, November 25th at 6:30pm for the new Board to approve C. Combs as Deputy Clerk.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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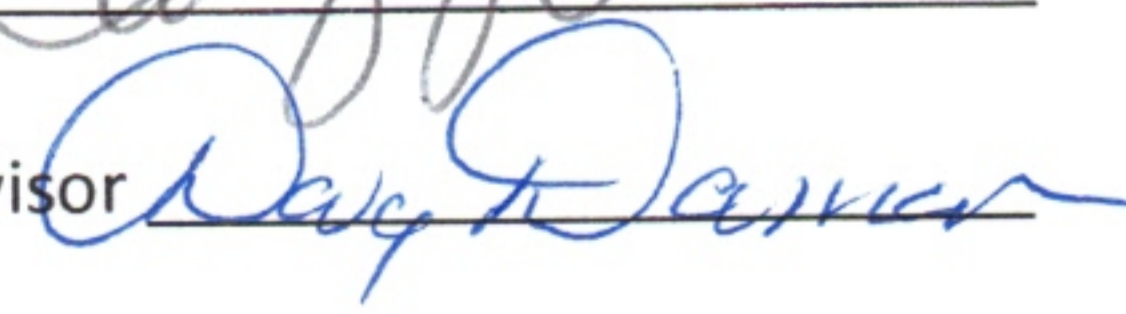
Minutes prepared by M. Bosserd

Cathy Combs, Township Clerk



Date: 11/25/24

Doug Damon, Township Supervisor



Date: 11-26-2024