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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 13, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on April 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM via ZOOM and at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

PRESENT:	TRUSTEE – Matt Rimel was seated at 3:02 pm.
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; Utility Director, Rich Weirich; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens; Township Assessor, Justin Prybylski via ZOOM; Township Engineer, Mark Mathe; Monroe County Sheriff, Troy Goodnough; 3 Fire Department employees; Recreation Director, Phil Coyle; Constable DUBY, 5 ZOOM participants and 4 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 3:00 PM.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Add Agenda item 13A, Purchase request for mulch at Frenchtown Park #3, 13B, Discussion regarding recycling and 13C, Discussion regarding Constables.

**MOTION #21.118 – AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the April 1, 2021 as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION #21.119 – APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2021 CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Bryant to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. March 23, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between March 24, 2021 to April 9, 2021
- c. Invoices Paid on April 13, 2021

Board Member Rimel was seated at 3:02 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** One person asked the Board to join his fight regarding the fees that DTE are collecting and spoke in opposition to the appeal of taxes by DTE as to the Fermi.

**DISCUSSION – CONTRACT STATS FOR FIRST QUARTER 2020 & 2021 – MONROE COUNTY**

**SHERIFF’S DEPT:** Sheriff Goodnough presented the first quarter report.

**MOTION#21.120– PURCHASE REQUEST – 2020 MONROE COUNTY AERIAL IMAGERY**

**PROGRAM:** Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve purchasing the 2020 GIS Mapping from the County of Monroe at a cost not to exceed \$2,104.95. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.121– EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE REQUEST – ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:**

Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the request for education expense for Sarah Masserant attending MCAT certification class with the understanding that she will have to reimburse all costs if she leaves her employment within 5 years of the class. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.122 – DISCUSSION – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING – PROPOSED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – 200-**

**149:** Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Bryant to have the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Zoning Map Amendment No. 200-149 to rezone Parcel No. 58-07-065-085-00 located at 2475 North Monroe Street from R-3-A Multiple family Residential to C2, General Commercial. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.123 –PURCHASE REQUEST – FIRE STATION #1 – FLOORING FOR LIVING**

**QUARTERS:** Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve contracting with Runyon’s Floor Coverings for the purchase of flooring for Fire Station #1 Living Quarters as requested at a cost not to exceed \$7,234.15. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.124 – PURCHASE REQUEST – UPGRADE SOFTBALL FIELDS AT KIWANIS PARK:**

Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Collins to approve contracting with Old Town Landscaping to upgrade both softball fields at Kiwanis Park at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.125 – PURCHASE REQUEST – MULCH PURCHASE FOR STEWART ROAD PARK #3:**

Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the mulch purchase for Stewart Road Park #3 from Margo’s Landscaping at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING RECYCLING:** The Board discussed recycling.

**MOTION #21.126 – DISCUSSION – CONSTABLES:**

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to authorize the Constables to re-commence liquor inspections in conjunction with the Fire Inspector and to approve the request to use the State of Michigan Liquor Inspection forms. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A Township employee questioned 4 earned unused vacation days from her 2019/2020 contract time that she was unable to use due to the Township COVID building closure. She would like to be reimbursed for that time.

**MOTION # 21.127 CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act Section 8h and to include the Township Attorney, Township Labor Attorney (via ZOOM) and the Deputy Clerk. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 4:30 pm.

**MOTION # 21.128 -ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/RECOVENE INTO REGULAR BOARD**

**MEETING/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to adjourn the Closed Session and Reconvene into regular session. A voice vote was taken. This vote was taken at 4:56 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Board Member Carlton was excused from the remainder of the meeting at 4:57 pm.

**MOTION #21.129 – ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to adjourn the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting at 6:04 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

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Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

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Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk