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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on August 10, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

PRESENT:	TRUSTEE – Matt Rimel was seated at 3:07 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 Engineer, Mark Mathe; Building Official, Joe Lehmann; Foster & Swift tax appeal attorneys, Jack Van Coevering & Tom Dillon; 7 Fire Department employees and 7 persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 3:02 PM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: No changes were made to the agenda.

MOTION #21.241 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the August 10, 2021 as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #21.242 – APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2021 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. July 27, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. July 30, 2021 – Special Board Meeting Minutes
- c. Invoices Paid between July 28, 2021 to August 6, 2021
- d. Invoices to be Paid on August 10, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #21.243 – CLOSED SESSION – OPEN MEETINGS ACT – SECTION 8E: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Bryant to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act, Section 8e to discuss pending litigation with counsel and to include the Township Attorney, attorneys Jack Van Coevering, Tom Dillon and the Deputy Clerk. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 6-0. This vote was taken at 3:05 pm.

Board member Rimel was seated at 3:07 pm.

MOTION#21.244 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION

MINUTES/RECONVENE INTO REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn Closed Session/Approve Closed Session minutes and reconvene into regular Board Meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 3:40 pm.

MOTION #21.245 – 1st READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO 200-153– CONDITIONAL REZONING REQUEST – 2400 N DIXIE HWY:

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to have the 1st reading of Zoning Map Amendment No. 200-153, Conditional Rezoning request for 2400 N Dixie Hwy to rezone with conditions from RIR Residential to C3 Highway Commercial. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #21.246 – HIRING REQUEST – HR SPECIALIST – MICHELLE AFFHOLTER-ULRICH:

Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the Hiring Committee’s recommendation as presented in the memo dated August 5th, 2021 and hire HR Specialist, Michelle Affholter-Ulrich and to forgo a background investigation due to previous employment with the Township. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – DANGEROUS BUILDINGS: The Board discussed this item.

DISCUSSION – TRAINING IN THE WORKPLACE: The Board discussed this item.

DISCUSSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING CONCERNS: The Board discussed this item.

MOTION #21.247 – PURCHASE REQUEST – 2 DESKTOP COMPUTERS – FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Collins to approve purchasing 2 Desktop computers from Tech Experts at a cost not to exceed \$2,495.58. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A former POC member stated that he recommends that the Board extend the border requirement to 20 miles outside of the Township.

MOTION #21.248– ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the August 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting at 5:31 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk