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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on August 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

PRESENT:	TRUSTEE – Matt Rimel
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, Richard Weirich; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens and 17 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 7:00 PM.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Add 7A, Closed Session regarding pending litigation.

**MOTION #21.254 – AGENDA APPROVAL:** Motion made by Mrs. Ellison seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the August 24, 2021 as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.255– APPROVAL OF AUGUST 24, 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. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. August 17, 2021 – Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between August 18, 2021 to August 20, 2021
- c. Invoices to be Paid on August 24, 2021

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** One person asked about Recycling update.

**MOTION #21.256 – CLOSED SESSION – OPEN MEETINGS ACT – SECTION 8E:** Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act section 8e to discuss pending litigation with counsel and to include Township Attorney, Township DTE Tax Appeal attorney and the Deputy Clerk. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 7:10 pm.

**MOTION #21.257 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION**

**MINUTES/RECONVENE TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve the minutes of closed session and to reconvene in open session. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 7:30 pm.

**MOTION #21.258 – SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL IN THE DTE TAX APPEAL – DTE FERMI V**

**FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP:** Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Rimel to proceed with the settlement proposal in the tax appeal matter of DTE v Frenchtown Township on the recommendation of the counsel as discussed in Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**PRESENTATION – MOWING OF TOWNSHIP/COUNTY ROADS:** Jay with Precision Irrigation gave a presentation to the Township regarding a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> mowing of primary roads in Frenchtown.

**MOTION#21.256 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – CONDITONAL ZONING – 2400 N**

**DIXIE HWY:** Motion made by Mr. Collins seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve and adopt Zoning Map Amendment No. 200-153 to rezone Parcel ID# 58-07-057-001-10 at 2400 N Dixie Hwy from RIR Residential to C3 Highway Commerical subject to conditions to be set forth in a conditional zoning agreement between the parties. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.257 – RENEWAL REQUEST – SERVICE AGREEMENT CRG ELECTRIC, LLC -**

**GENERATOR:** Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the service agreement for the Township generator with CRG Electric, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$975.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.258 – PURCHASE REQUEST – 2 STANDING DESKS – BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the Township Supervisor purchasing ergonomic needs for employee desks at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.259 – DISCUSSION – FRENCHTOWN FIRE DEPT VEHICLE RESPONSE POLICY:**

Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to direct the Fire Chief to implement a standard operating procedure/or amend any existing SOP to be effective August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as set forth in the memorandum dated August 24, 2021 with the staging requirement to be in place until such time as we have achieved 3 full time personnel at Station 2. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-No; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-No. Motion carried 5-2.

**DISCUSSION – REMOVING DEBRIS FROM TOWNSHIP PROPERTY:** The Board discussed this item.

**PURCHASE REQUEST – REPUBLIC CART REBRANDING – POSTCARD NOTIFICATION:** The Board discussed this item.

**MOTION #21.260 – TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE:**

Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to move the time of the next regular board meeting to 7:00 pm for the September 14, 2021 meeting. A roll call was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dory Hawkins-Freelain, Managing Director of the Monroe County Road Commission introduced herself to the Board. One person spoke regarding various agenda items.

**MOTION #21.261 – AGREEMENT WITH MONROE COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM -** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to authorize the Township Fire Chief to sign the agreement and guidelines with Monroe County Fire Investigation Team. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #21.262 – ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to adjourn the August 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting at 9:52 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

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Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

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Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk