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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on March 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM and 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 - EXCUSED	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, Brad Bice; 7 Fire Department employees; Constable Hyder, 10 ZOOM participants and 3 other persons were in attendance.

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

MOTION #21.107 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve the March 23, 2021 as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #21.108 – APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2021 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mr. Carlton; seconded by Mr. Klem to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes, Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. March 16, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices Paid between March 17, 2021 to March 19, 2021
- c. Invoices Paid on March 23, 2021
- d. Used Car Lot License – Williams Brothers

PUBLIC COMMENT: One property owner stated he received an Ordinance violation letter.

MOTION #21.109 – REMOVE FROM TABLE – PURCHASE REQUEST – CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE PARKS: Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Carlton to remove this item from table. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION#21.110– PURCHASE REQUEST – PURCHASE REQUEST – CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE PARKS: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve purchasing the proposed camera

System as proposed in March 18th, 2021 memorandum from Director Weirich at a cost not to exceed \$2,621.96. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #21.111 – PURCHASE REQUEST – SERVICE TRUCK – WATER DEPARTMENT: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve purchasing a 2020 Ford F250 Service Truck from Brondes Ford at a cost not to exceed \$40,400.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #21.112 – DISCUSSION – BUYING/SELING AGREEMENT – LOT 302 – 5TH STREET – DETROIT BEACH: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Collins to approve proceeding with the offer to purchase received regarding Lot 302 in Detroit Beach with the conditions that the Agreement is revised as requested by the Township Attorney, that the Buyer combines this lot with their existing real estate for tax parcel purposes and the Buyer is to pay costs in excess of that recouped by the Township through purchase price and to authorize the Supervisor to sign documents as necessary to complete the sale. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #21.113 – REMOVE FROM TABLE – DISCUSSION ON FCT ORDINANCE NO. 233 ESTABLISHING/LIMITING POWERS OF CONSTABLES: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to remove this item from table. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #21.114 – DISCUSSION ON FCT ORDINANCE NO. 233 ESTABLISHING/LIMITING POWERS OF CONSTABLES: Motion made by Mr. Collins; seconded by Mr. Carlton to table this item again for more information. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Township Constable Duby addressed the Board regarding the complaints that the Township received about him.

MOTION #21.115 – SIGNING BONUS FOR QUALIFIED FIRE DEPT APPLICANTS: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Bryant to authorize the Fire Chief to offer a \$5,000.00 signing bonus for qualified applicants applying for and hired by the Township for Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic positions and to allow the Fire Chief to advertise these open positions with 3 major advertising platforms, with \$2,500.00 of the signing bonus payable upon successful completion of all employment requirements and an additional \$2,500.00 payable after 1 year of employment and finally, to waive the requirement to advertise with the Monroe Evening News. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #21.116 – CLOSE THE TOWNSHIP ON GOOD FRIDAY: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to close the Township Hall on Good Friday with the understanding that employees are to use their available personal, vacation or compensatory time for the ½ day closure or if no time is available to the employee then it would be unpaid from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes, Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #21.117 – ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the March 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting at 8:26 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.