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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

A **Regular Meeting** of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on September 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

PRESENT:	TRUSTEE – Al VanWashenova
SUPERVISOR – Jim McDevitt	TRUSTEE – Jack Lindquist, Sr.
CLERK – Mark J. Baker	TRUSTEE – Kraig Yoas
TREASURER – Julie Ellison	TRUSTEE – Hedwig Kaufman
TWP. ATTORNEY – Kerry Bondy	

Deputy Clerk, Jessica Burt; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens; Township Constable, Tom Jenkins and 23 other persons were in attendance.

Supervisor McDevitt declared there was a quorum at 7:00 PM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Add Agenda Items 15A, 2019 Tax Roll Resolutions; Agenda Item 15B, Lake Erie Transit Tax Roll Resolution and Agenda Item 16, Closed Session.

MOTION#19.265 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to approve the agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.266 – APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. VanWashenova to approve the September 24, 2019 Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes. Motion carried 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) September 17, 2019 . Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Invoices Paid between September 18, 2019 to September 20, 2019
- c) Invoices Paid on September 24, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT: Six people spoke in favor of letting the property owners at 1996 Nadeau Road continue with their remodel. One person questioned the Township Ordinances.

MOTION #19.267 – PURCHASE REQUEST – PICNIC TABLE FRAMES – REC DEPARTMENT:

Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve purchasing 5 picnic table frames from R J Thomas Mfg. at a cost not to exceed \$1,378.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.268 – DISCUSSION – CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH BRATCHER &

ASSOCIATES: Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the contract renewal with Bratcher & Associates as proposed for assessment services for DTE Coal Plant and Fermi properties. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.269– REMOVE FROM TABLE – RESOLUTION – TOWNSHIP OFFICES – NON-PARTISAN:

Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. VanWashenova to remove this item from table. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.270 – RESOLUTION – TOWNSHIP OFFICES – NON-PARTISAN:

Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mrs. Kaufman to adopt the Resolution Requesting Adoption of Legislation Making Elective Township Offices Non-Partisan Positions. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.271 – SET HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS:

Motion made by Mr. Lindquist; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve Trick-or-Treat hours for Frenchtown Charter Township on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.272 – REMOVE FROM TABLE – ESTABLISH A BIKE TRAIL COMMITTEE:

Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mrs. Kaufman to remove this item from table. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.273 – ESTABLISH A BIKE TRAIL COMMITTEE:

Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mr. Baker to approve re-establishing Bike Trail committee with Trustees Kaufman and Yoas with a request that the Recreation Committee discuss and make a recommendation for citizen involvement/representation. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.274 – REQUEST BIDS TO SELL TWO (2) FORD VEHICLES:

Motion made by Mr. Yoas; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve Supervisor's request to seek bids to sell the Township's 2008 and 2009 Ford Crown Victoria's. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.275 – PURCHASE REQUEST – CONFERENCE WEBCAM FOR TOWNSHIP

BOARD ROOM: Motion made by Mr. Baker; seconded by Mrs. Kaufman to approve the purchase

of a webcam for the Township Board Room at a cost not to exceed \$289.18. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.276 – PURCHASE REQUEST – JONES & BARTLETT LEARNING TOOL KIT – FIRE DEPARTMENT: Motion made by Mr. VanWashenova; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the Fire Department to purchase Jones & Bartlett Learning Tool Kit a cost not to exceed \$765.71. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.277 – 2019 TAX ROLL RESOLUTIONS: Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to approve the 2019 Tax Roll Resolutions as presented excluding Weed cutting cost and the LETC resolution which will be presented separately. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #19.278 – 2019 LAKE ERIE TRANSIT TAX ROLL RESOLUTION: Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the 2019 Lake Erie Transit Tax Roll Resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mr. Yoas-No; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Two persons spoke in favor of letting the property owners at 1996 Nadeau Road continue with their remodel. One person questioned the blight letter that he received regarding 6320 N Monroe Street. One person questioned the Township Ordinances.

MOTION #19.279 – CLOSED SESSION: Motion made by Mr. Baker; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act Section 8 (c) for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining agreement and to include the Township Attorney, Fire Chief and Deputy Clerk. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. McDevitt-Yes; Mr. Yoas-Yes; Mr. Lindquist-Yes; Mrs. Kaufman-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Baker-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 8:35 pm.

MOTION #19.280 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES/RECONVENE TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman; seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes of the closed session and to reconvene in open session. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 9:05 pm.

MOTION #19.281 – ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Lindquist; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to adjourn the September 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting at 9:15 PM. A voice vote was called. Motion carried 7-0.