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**REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2024**

A Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on August 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

PRESENT:	TRUSTEE – Matt Rimel
SUPERVISOR – Al VanWashenova - EXCUSED	TRUSTEE – Chris Collins
CLERK – Kyle Bryant	TRUSTEE – Christiaan Carlton
TREASURER – Julie Ellison	TRUSTEE – Gary Klemz
TWP ATTORNEY – Kerry Bondy	

Deputy Clerk, Jessica Burt; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens; Building Official, Gary Dahl; Township Public Safety/Economic Development Director, Dave Uhl; Monroe County Sheriff, Troy Goodnough and 1 other person were in attendance.

MOTION #24.200 – APPOINT ACTING CHAIRMAN: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Klemz to appoint Clerk Bryant as Acting Chairman for the meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

Acting Chairman Clerk Bryant declared there was quorum at 7:00 PM.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Move Agenda item #10 to Agenda item #8 and add Agenda item 10A, Change Order for the Municipal Center

MOTION #24.201 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the August 27, 2024 agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #24.202 – APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2024 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. August 20, 2024 –Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices to be Paid on August 27, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION REGARDING POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE OPIOID CRISIS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY BY DR. ARUN GUPTA MD: Dr. Gupta gave a presentation on possible solutions to alleviate the opioid crisis in Monroe County.

MOTION #24.203 – DISCUSSION – 1st READING – ZONING ORDINANCE 300 – AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.08 ELECTRONIC MESSAGE: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to have the 1st reading of Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 300, Article 5, Section 5.08 regarding Electronic Message. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #24.204 – DISCUSSION – 1st READING – ZONING ORDINANCE 300 – AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 5 – SECTION 5.02 OUTDOOR LIGHTING: Motion made by Mr. Carlton; seconded by Mr. Klemz to have the 1st reading of Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 300, Article 5, Section 5.02 regarding Outdoor Lighting. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #24.205 – CHANGE ORDER FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR MUNICIPAL CENTER SITE WITH MANNIK & SMITH GROUP: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Rimel to approve the Change Order to Professional Services Agreement with Mannik & Smith Group for the proposed Traffic Signal Improvements at the intersection of N Dixie Highway and Grand Boulevard for the new Frenchtown Township Municipal Center. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: One person informed the Board that they received a Monroe County Drain Commission letter regarding the clean up of Webb drain so debris/trees might be littered on properties again.

MOTION #24.206 – JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve scheduling a joint meeting with the Township Board and the Planning Commission on September 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm, as requested by the Planning Commission. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #24.207 – 50/50 SHARE OF MAINTENANCE ON SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER LOCATED ON N DIXIE HWY: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve the Maintenance Service agreement for the intersection traffic signal for the Township Municipal Center with a 50/50 share with the Monroe County Road Commission and to authorize the Township Clerk to sign. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION #24.208– ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the August 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at 8:08 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

Al VanWashenova, Township Supervisor

Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk