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**BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on July 16, 2024 at 3:00 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; Fire Chief, Wendy Stevens; DPW Director, Richard Weirich; Public Safety/Economic Development Director, Dave Uhl; Twp Engineer, Mark Mathe; Twp Realtor, Steve Hudkins and 1 other person was in attendance.

Supervisor VanWashenova declared there was quorum at 3:00 PM.

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

MOTION #24.172 – AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the July 16, 2024 agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #24.173 – APPROVAL OF JULY 16, 2024 CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Mrs. Ellison; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the consent agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. June 25, 2024 –Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Invoices paid between June 26, 2024 to July 12, 2024
- c. Invoices to be Paid on July 16, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #24.174 – DISCUSSION – REVIEW PURCHASE OFFER FOR LOT 3 IN BUSINESS PARK:

Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the purchase offer for Lot 3 in Frenchtown Business Park as discussed subject to Township Attorney approval. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-No; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 6-1.

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MOTION #24.175 – DISCUSSION – PURCHASE REQUEST – 2 SMALL SUV’S: Motion Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve purchasing 2 small SUV’s from low bidder Groulx Automotive at a cost not to exceed \$53,126.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #24.176 – DISCUSSION – OFFICE FURNITURE REQUEST – DPW DIRECTOR: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Klemz to approve purchasing the DPW Director’s office furniture from Wolverine Commercial Furnishings at a cost not to exceed \$14,638.89. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #24.177 – DISCUSSION – ON PREMISES TASTING ROOM PERMIT – VENTURE BREWING LLC: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve and adopt the Local Government Approval for On-Premises Tasting Room Permit for Venture Brewing LLC. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION – POSSIBLE OFFICE RELOCATION: The Board discussed this item.

MOTION #24.178 – REVIEW APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to approve members as discussed and adopt the Resolution as amended. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MOTION #24.179 – EXTEND MCA MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT: Motion made by Mr. Klemz; seconded by Mr. Collins to extend the Monroe Community Ambulance Mutual Aid Agreement through the end of the 2024 year and authorize the Supervisor, Clerk and Fire Chief to execute the Amendment to extend the Agreement. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Byrant-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #24.180 – GO INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER OPEN MEETINGS ACT 8D & 8H: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mrs. Ellison to go into Closed Session under Open Meetings Act 8d & 8h and to include the Township Attorney, Deputy Clerk, Township Engineer and Economic Development Director. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes. Motion carried 7-0. This vote was taken at 4:19 pm.

MOTION #24.181 – ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION/APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES/RECONVENE INTO BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton 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 4:40 pm.

MOTION #24.182 – AUTHORIZATION AS TO CLOSED SESSION CORRESPONDENCE: Motion made by Mr. Rimel; seconded by Mr. Carlton to approve the proposal as set forth in the correspondence from Township Attorney and to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the required documents. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Rimel-Yes; Mr. Carlton-Yes; Mr. Bryant-Yes; Mr. VanWashenova-Yes; Mrs. Ellison-Yes; Mr. Klemz-Yes; Mr. Collins-Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION #24.183 – ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mr. Bryant; seconded by Mr. Carlton to adjourn the July 16, 2024 Board Workshop Meeting at 4:52 PM. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.