

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor W. Johnson. Roll call with five (5) members present, W. Johnson, D. Moore, K. Dawson, D. Friedman and A. Goscicki. There were ten (10) citizens present, Shelly Pinkelman, Todd Tompkins, Jodie Tompkins, Diane Tompkins, Amanda Siwecki, Christine Cox, Dale Cox, Liz Weaver, Steve Weaver, and Brandon Gabriel. There were six (6) Video participants, Doug Pratt, Ted Sells, CO caller, Larry Friedman, Dave K, and JG.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of the Agenda was motioned by A. Goscicki, second by D. Friedman and the motion carried with five (5) Ayes.

Approval of the minutes from the August 11, 2020 was motioned by A. Goscicki, second by D. Friedman and the motion carried with five (5) Ayes.

There were no guest speakers.

Department Reports:

Clerk:

D. Moore read a letter of appreciation citing Lori Johnson for her contribution to the Oakwood Cemetery reorganization of the files, deeds and other information.

Supervisor:

1. County Designated Assessor: Paul Compo, Crawford County Administrator/Controller, sent information to W. Johnson to be shared with the Board.

"Our Equalization Director has informed me that as part of the property tax reform measures put into place the last couple of years, Crawford County has to name a "Designated Assessor" for the count by the end of this calendar year. This person would be put into this position by an interlocal agreement signed by the Board of Commissioners and a majority of the local units. Additionally, the person selected would have to be approved by the taxing jurisdictions."

2. Notice from Thomas Barnes from the DNR who manage the forests, to keep them healthy, improve habitat, provide forest products and help prevent wildfires. They are requesting public input for actions that will take place in 2022, on line or over the phone (by appointment). Go to the [interactive online map](#) and click on your area of interest to find out what forest management prescriptions are planned.
3. Kirkland sent a letter to Sandra Moore concerning not having summer tax collection. Their millage will be levied December 1, 2020.

Treasurer:

Approval of the Treasurer report was motioned to accept by A. Goscicki, second by D. Friedman, motion carried with five (5) Ayes.

Approval for payment of vouchers #44782 thru #44877 in the amount of \$139,577.81 was motioned by K. Dawson, second by D. Friedman, and the motion carried with five (5) Ayes.

D. Friedman started the conversation with D. Pratt, requesting an explanation of fees accrued on the credit cards. He assured her they would be looked into. Clerk D. Moore was asked to call and have them dismissed. D. Friedman also questioned the reimbursement of Ambulance fees. D. Pratt responded with it being an insurance payment refund.

Power Commissioner: Nothing to report at this time.

County Commissioner: Nothing to report at this time.

Zoning/Building:

Dingman & Dancer, our attorneys, are working on a legal fight.

The subject of marijuana income was brought up. We need to go to Lansing and fight for the monies we have coming to the township.

Shelly Pinkelman discussed the survey return, looking for any changes to be considered before September 1, 2020. The Board plans to meet before October 1, 2020.

1. Zoning permits: 2 permits, \$150.00 collected.
2. Building Dept: 13 permits, \$1,576.00 collected.

Zoning Officer:

Total of 30 outstanding issues to be dealt with by the Enforcement Officer, Brandon Gabriel.

Planning Commission: The Board plans to meet before October 1, 2020. It has been amended to October 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Fire Department:

Chief Pratt was on video, reporting that they are still looking for a snowmobile trailer to replace the one they have that isn't usable. He added, their paramedic, Diane Napp, stepped down and the position was posted. There was an applicant but he decided not to relocate at this time. There were between 100 and 115 fires this past month.

Parks and Recreation:

Christine Cox reported on the meeting of September 2, 2020. They plan on planting trees at Betty Sadjak Park this fall. Quotes will be gathered from various suppliers. Soil samples will be analyzed for the best trees to be planted for the conditions. Upcoming events were discussed as well as ways to advertise said events. Some of the swings need replacing. W. Johnson will get prices and approval. They plan on a future FaceBook page if approved by the Township Board. W. Johnson is in touch with the DNR to determine what the DNR wants from the Township. Research is being done to decide if the play structure requires any special maintenance.

Their next meeting will be October 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Shelly Pinkelman's contract was put on hold so that D. Friedman and W. Johnson could meet with her September 16, 2020 to negotiate and finalize her contract.

New Business: No new business.

Correspondence: No new business.

Public Comments: No new business.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:35 p.m. motioned by A. Goscicki, second by D. Friedman, motion carried with five (5) Ayes.

Dorothy Moore

Frederic Township Interim Clerk