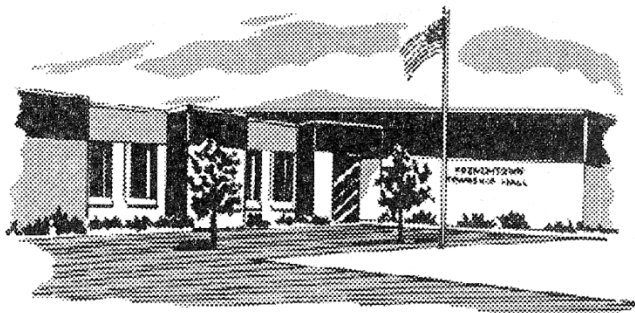


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## TOWNSHIP BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2012

A **Board Workshop Meeting** of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board was held on January 17, 2012 at 10 a.m. at the Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

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| PRESENT:                    | TRUSTEE – Hedwig B. Kaufman                  |
| SUPERVISOR – Jim McDevitt   | TRUSTEE – Don Lingar (arrived at 10:23 a.m.) |
| TREASURER – Rhonda Sommers  | TRUSTEE – Jack Lindquist, Sr.                |
| CLERK – Mark Baker          | TRUSTEE – Kraig Yoas                         |
| TWP. ATTORNEY – Kerry Bondy |  |

Deputy Clerk, Lynda Castiglione was also in attendance.

Township Supervisor, Jim McDevitt Declared there was Quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**MOTION #12.07 – AGENDA APPROVED:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas support by Mrs. Sommers to approve the January 17, 2012 Board Workshop Meeting Agenda. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Lingar was not present for this vote.

**MOTION #12.08 – APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2012 CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Mrs. Kaufman seconded by Mr. Lindquist to approve the January 17, 2012 Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Yoas – Yes; Mrs. Kaufman – Yes; Mr. Baker – Yes; Mrs. Sommers – Yes; Mr. McDevitt – Yes; Mr. Lindquist – Yes. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Lingar was not present for this vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- January 10, 2012 Regular Township Meeting Minutes
- Bills to be paid January 17, 2012
- Bills to be paid between January 11, 2012 to January 13, 2012

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**MOTION #12.09 – 2012 POVERTY EXEMPTION POLICY:** Motion made by Mrs. Sommers; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to table the 2012 Poverty Exemption Policy until further information can be obtained. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Lingar was not present for this vote.

**MOTION #12.10: PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR 2011 AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Motion made by Mrs. Sommers; seconded by Mr. Yoas to approve the contract with McGuire and McDole, C.P.A to perform the 2011 audit regarding financial statements in the amount not to exceed \$23,900.00. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Yoas – Yes; Mrs. Kaufman – Yes; Mr. Baker – Yes; Mr. Lindquist – Yes; Mrs. Sommers – Yes; Mr. McDevitt – Yes. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Lingar was not present for this vote.

**MOTION #12.11 –RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL MEMBERSHP DUES:** Motion made by Mr. Yoas; Seconded by Mr. Baker to approve membership dues for the River Raisin Watershed Council in the amount of \$872.55. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. McDevitt – Yes; Mrs. Kaufman – Yes; Mrs. Sommers – Yes; Mr. Baker – Yes; Mr. Yoas – Yes; Mr. Lingar – Yes; Mr. Lindquist – Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #12.12 – ASSESSOR POSITION:** Motion made by Mr. Baker; seconded by Mr. Lingar to offer Vicky Bryson the salaried Assessing Director position at the rate of \$52,500 per year. If the offer is accepted the new pay rate would begin on January 15, 2012. Ms. Bryson would be required to do an assessing office status report to the Supervisor by October 10, 2012; and the Township Board to review that status report at the October 16, 2012 Township Board Meeting; and Susan Iott-Garrison continue to assist the Assessing Office in her present capacity as needed until the October 16, 2012 Township Board Meeting. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. McDevitt – Yes; Mrs. Kaufman – Yes; Mr. Lingar – Yes; Mr. Yoas – Yes; Mr. Baker – Yes; Mrs. Sommers – Yes; Mr. Lindquist – Yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**MOTION #12.13 – CLOSED SESSION:** Motion made by Mrs. Sommers; seconded by Mr. Lindquist to go into Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act 8-e to discuss pending litigation with the Township Attorney. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Sommers – Yes; Mr. Yoas – Yes; Mr. Baker – Yes; Mr. Lingar – Yes; Mr. McDevitt – Yes; Mrs. Kaufman – Yes – Mr. Lindquist – Yes. Motion carried 7-0. The Board went into Closed Session at 11:25 AM.

**MOTION #12.14 –RECONVENE:** Motion made by Mr. Baker; seconded by Mrs. Kaufman to Reconvene the Board Workshop Meeting. A voice vote was taken at 12:35 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed a Personnel Policy Revision Draft.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

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**MOTION #12.15 – ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Mr. Lindquist; seconded by Mrs. Sommers to adjourn the January 17, 2012 Board Workshop Meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 PM.

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James A. McDevitt – Supervisor

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Mark J. Baker – Clerk