

**Frankenlust Township Board Meeting  
December 11, 2018 – 4:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Ron Campbell. Present are Campbell, Begick, Revord and Britton. Fisher was excused. Deputy Clerk, Donna Reichard substituted as recording secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Britton/Revord to approve meeting minutes for the Regular Board meeting from November 13, 2018, to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$40,476.86, and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Public Input. None.

Smith & Brooker Law Firm. A letter was received from Frankenlust Township Attorney, Jim Hammond, informing the Board of his intention of retiring. Jim Hammond and his partner, Bill Darbee have indicated that they are retiring their practice after many years of service, effective November 30, 2018, the date of the letter. The firm will officially close its doors on January 31, 2019. A proposal for legal services was received from Richard Sheppard of Smith & Brooker, P.C. Mr. Sheppard answered questions from the Board regarding his firms' experiences dealing with municipal law for his clients. Motion by Campbell/Begick to retain the services of Smith and Brooker Law Firm on an as needed basis. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Fire Department. The meeting minutes from Fire Chief, Bryan Kukla, are on file. There were 26 calls in November 2018: 4 Fire, 18 EMS/Rescue, 2 Good Intent, 0 Hazardous Condition, 2 Service Call and 0 False Alarms, with YTD total of 338 calls. New applicant, Ben Helmreich, was successfully approved by the Fire Department membership and has started the Academy training. Motion by Britton/Revord to approve Ben Helmreich as a member of the Frankenlust Township Fire Department. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried. New applicant, Morgan Villarreal, is being considered pending background checks. The DNR grant that was submitted in June was approved totaling \$3,800.00, a 50/50 match. Paperwork will be completed to get the 50 percent from the State of Michigan. The money will be used for turnout gear and small tools. A letter was received from Fire Fighter, Scott Miller on December 4, 2018 indicating that he is resigning from the department effective immediately. Firefighter, Tim Botzau, has asked for a leave of absence through February 2019. He will review his options at that time and inform the department of his decision to return to active duty or resign. The Fire Department Fire Chief, Bryan Kukla, reminded the board of the Christmas party on December 14, 2018 and the Family Christmas party on December 15, 2018.

Planning Commission. Complete report is on file.

Zoning Administrator. Complete report on file. A meeting was held with representatives from Delta College, who would like to leave the Delta College signs as they are, in addition to putting up the new electronic signs. Zoning Administrator, Rodney Nanney indicates that there were many items that did not come into compliance with the ordinances. Delta College's attorney will be in contact with Township Attorney, Jim Hammond to discuss this further.

Fire Fighter Pay Scale. Motion by Britton/Revord to accept the Fire Fighter Pay Scale Schedule as presented by Fire Chief, Bryan Kukla, revised as of 1-1-19. Roll Call Vote:

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| Begick   | yes    |
| Britton  | yes    |
| Revord   | yes    |
| Fisher   | Absent |
| Campbell | yes    |

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Cost Recovery Dispute. Motion by Britton/Revord to approve the recommendation by the Cost Recovery Dispute Review Committee to reduce the cost of incident #18-257 with Jacqueline Hendrickson that occurred on 9/21/18 from \$750 to \$250. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried

Accident Cost Dispute. Motion by Britton/Revord not to take any action on Incident #18-249 concerning the cost of aide provided involving a motorcycle accident. They will have to go through the regular channels, providing paperwork claiming a financial hardship with AccuMed, before it will be reviewed with the Board. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried

Water Rate. Tabled to January 2019 meeting.

**Sewer Rate.** A notice was received from the Department of Water and Sewer concerning an increase in cost for the sewer. An option was presented by Supervisor, Ron Campbell, after he spoke with Keri Christian of the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer. The \$59,000.00 payment that Frankenlust Township receives quarterly, could be adjusted so that we receive a \$50,000.00 payment and the balance would remain with the Department of Water and Sewer to cover the increase and not be passed on to Frankenlust Township residents. Motion by Britton/Begick to authorize Bay County Department of Water and Sewer to pay us \$50,000 quarterly. The remainder of the payment to be left with them to cover an increased cost of the sewer. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Board Reappointments.** Motion by Campbell/Revord to reappoint the following to Board positions as indicated on the schedule presented:

***Planning Commission*** – 3-year Term: Alice Eschenbacher from 1-1-2019 to 12-31-2021, Michael Haley from 1-1-19 to 12-31-2021;

***Zoning Board of Appeals*** – 3-year Term: Randy Appold from 1-1-19 to 12-31-2021;

***Board of Review*** – 2-year Term: Larry Bourassa from 1-1-19 to 12-31-2020, Howard Helmreich from 1-1-19 to 12-31-2020, Frank Linzner from 1-1-19 to 12-31-2020 and David LeRoux from 1-1-19 to 12-31-2020.

***Construction Board of Appeals*** – 2-year Term: James Reichard from 1-1-2019 to 12-31-2020, Randy Knoerr from 1-1-2019 to 12-31-2020 and Roger Clauss from 1-1-19 to 12-31-2020.

4 aye 0 nay. Carried

**Bay County Area Recreation Plan.** Bay County will approve the Recreation Plan in their January 8, 2019 meeting. It will be brought to the Frankenlust Township Board meeting in February 2019 for review and approval.

**Economic Condition Factor (ECF).** A letter was sent to the Michigan Department of Treasury informing them of the hiring of Mike Dijak, MCAO #R-9681, to correct the deficiencies of the ECF.

**Delta College Fitness Center.** Motion by Britton/Revord to renew the 5 Individual Corporate Memberships for Delta College's Fitness Center at a cost of \$325/membership for 2019. These are mainly used by members of the Fire Department employees, however, are available to Township staff and elected officials. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**CD Report.** Treasurer, Mary Revord, presented a report of the CD's that Frankenlust Township has with several banks. Interest rates have been going up. Mary has increased some of the terms.

**Budget Adjustment.** Motion by Revord/Britton to adjust the General Fund Budget as follows:

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| 101-450-923.000 | Old Hickory Retention Pond | + \$1,000.00 |
| 101-448-920.920 | Township Street Lights     | - \$1,000.00 |

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried

**Fire Department Budget Increases.** Motion by Britton/Revord to increase the following items on the 208 Fire Safety Fund Budget:

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| 208-336-702.016 | Fire Chief Wages | +\$13,000.00 | (From \$6,000.00 to \$19,000.00)  |
| 208-336-702.018 | Fire Dept. Wages | +\$10,000.00 | (From \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00) |

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Motion by Britton/Begick to adjourn. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Next Board meeting will be January 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk  
Ronald Campbell, Supervisor