

# Frankenlust Township Board Meeting June 13, 2023 4 p.m.

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The regular meeting of the Township Board was held. It was called to order by Supervisor, Ron Campbell. The Pledge of Alliance was said.

**Present** Campbell, Ortner, Fisher, Britton and Begick

**Excused Absent** None

**Consent Agenda Items** Motion by Britton/Begick to approve the regular Board minutes from May 9, 2023, accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$ 188,711.82 from the General and Misc. Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Fisher            yes  
Campbell        yes  
Britton           yes  
Ortner            yes  
Begick            yes  
5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Public Input** None

**Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector** Our current Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector, Dell Bedford, is retiring. Dell thanked the board and the township for the 20 + years he has served the township and its residents. He is recommending Tom Verellen to fill the two positions that he is leaving. Supervisor Campbell thanked Dell for his years of service to his country and to the township. Motion by Britton/Ortner to accept Tom Verellen as the new Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector for Frankenlust Township with contract details to remain the same. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Fire Department** The minutes from the June 3, 2023 meeting are on file. There were 40 calls in May with a 199 YTD. The Bond Brothers, a fire service charitable organization out of Genesee County, donated a pallet of water. We submitted 29 accounts to the Arbor Solutions, a collection agency. First check was received last week. There have been three fatal incidents in our township this past month. A witnessed cardiac arrest while personal were on scene which happened to be a family member to one of the firefighters. Debriefing was available but declined since it was just done recently. The Boy Scout Explorer's program has not been meeting the programs requirements for total male vs female members. We are being removed from the that program. Fire Chief Kukla has received information from our insurance agent about starting our own program. We can set up our program which would be following state guidelines and they would be volunteers of the department. More information will be given as the program progresses. Fire Chief Kukla requested that nonmembers to the fire department

be given permission to ride along on the trucks for any public relations activities such as parades. Supervisor Campbell will contact our insurance agent, Jason Orton. Tabled until July meeting.

**Planning Commission** Report on file.

**Zoning Administrator** Report on file.

**Nature Park** Barb Crews and Pat Samolewski from the Frankenlust Township Nature Park gave a detailed account of a Spark Grant through MiGrant that is being applied for with a deadline of June 26, 2023. The application is asking for \$250,000 with an additional \$50,000 requested from the township over the next two years. The money would be used to create more accessibility to the Nature Park. It will improve the parking lot, walking paths and docks. Motion by Ortner/Fisher to approve the resolution to proceed with the submission of the Spark Grant application for the Nature Park with the additional \$50,000 coming from the township over the next two years, contingent of the grant being received. Final approval will given in regards to this investment, if and when the grant is received. Roll Call Vote:

Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**MI Haus Listing** Motion by Britton/Begick to hire Shelly Niedzwiecki from A/R Bay Realty to sell the former MI Haus property. Discussion. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Employee Handbooks** Trustee Britton attended an MTA workshop, led by the law firm of Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes. This particular session provided invaluable information on what should or should not be included in township Employee Handbooks. After initial discussion by the Board, Britton was instructed to contact Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes and request a proposal to update our employee handbook. Motion by Britton/Begick to accept the employee handbook proposal at a cost of \$1,500-\$2,500. Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**M-84 Loop** Flies & Vandenbrink received bids from contractors for the M-84 Water main Loop. Motion by Begick/Ortner to accept the contract from Shaw Contracting Co. for a total of \$388,040.00. Discussion. The project would start late fall of 2023 or early winter 2024 with completion date of spring of 2024. The cost will be paid from the ARPA, American Rescue Plan Act, funds that were given to the township in the amount of \$367,000+ along with money from the Water and Sewer fund. Roll Call Vote:

Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Cancer Walk** Ashley Wellman from the American Cancer Society, requested permission from Frankenlust Township to hold a 2-3 mile walk in October 2024. Motion by Ortner/Britton to allow the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Great Lakes Bay Region walk for October 7, 2023 in Frankenlust Township. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Planning Services** A document listing the "Qualifications to provide planning services for the Township of Frankenlust" by Spicer Group was presented. Motion by Britton/Fisher to accept the proposal from the Spicer Group for Planning Services for Frankenlust Township and contact David DeGrow to confirm that he will take the position of Zoning Administrator to be hired immediately. Discussion. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Insurance Costs** Supervisor Campbell contacted Insurance agent, Jason Orton, to ask if the township increased the deductible amount, and how much of a change it would make to our premium. We were told that any change in our premium would be insignificant. No further action needs to be taken.

**Board Salaries for 2023-2024** Motion by Ortner/Fisher to increase elected Board of Trustee member's salaries by 5% beginning July 1, 2023 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Discussion. Will be included in the 2023-2024 budget. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Pavilion** Motion by Britton/Ortner for approval to John Burnett, Mid-Michigan Community Action, to waive the \$25 fee to use the pavilion for their event on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Miscellaneous Budget Adjustments** Motion by Britton/Fisher to approve recommendations from Treasure Ortner to the Misc. Funds. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Road Patrol** Trustee Britton stated that many residents that he has spoken with have noticed a lower police presence in many areas. Supervisor Campbell will speak with the Sheriff's Department.

**General Budget Adjustments** Motion by Ortner/Britton to adjust the General Budget as recommended by Clerk Fisher. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

**Sheriff's Report** Reports from May 2023 is on file.

Motion by Fisher/Ortner to adjourn. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: July 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor