

Frankenlust Township Board Meeting

November 7, 2023 4:00 pm

Approved
12-12-23

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, Britton, Fisher and Begick
Excused Absent Ortner

Consent Agenda Items Motion by Britton/Begick to approve the regular Board minutes from October 10, 2023, no reports from the Treasurer at this time and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$90,194.87 from the General and Misc. Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	excused

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Public Input None

Fire Department Fire Department meeting minutes from November 2, 2023 are on file. Runs for October totaled 44 with a YTD total of 426. Captain Anthony Passariello announced his retirement effective immediately on October 11, 2023. Lieutenant Markle was promoted to Captain. The vacant position of Lieutenant will not be filled at this time. Christmas party is scheduled for December 8, 2023 for the annual celebration. December 9, 2023 is scheduled for the Santa party inviting FD and Township staff to bring their families. Email and Facebook invitations were sent to fire department members, township officers and staff. Two unpaid accounts have been sent to litigation for processing. Supervisor Campbell requested a quote to have the overhead power lines removed and put in the ground to make it easier to have the flight care helicopter land when needed. There has been no response as of today. New Fire Department applicant, David Kerns, has passed all requirements to be a member of Frankenlust Township Fire Department. He has past fire experience so he doesn't need to take the full academy training. He will be going through the monthly trainings since it has been a significant amount of time since he has received any training. He will need to attend the medical training that will be available fall 2024 for his EMR. Motion by Britton/Fisher to approve Fire Chief Kukla recommendation to hire David Kerns to be a member of the Frankenlust Township Fire Department. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Planning Commission Report is on file.

Zoning Amendments Discussion on approving the new Zoning amendment article 4.100 and 6.0 land use table. Basically, states that if property is zoned as C-3, everything that is covered in C-1 and C-2 are included in C-3. Motion by Begick/Britton to approve of the recommendations from the Planning Commission to amend the Zoning ordinances as presented. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Zoning Administrator Report is on file.

Baywoods Condo Assoc Representatives from Baywoods are seeking the Township's guidance and information on the entire topic of WM totes versus the use of a dumpster. Our discussion focused on

the difficulty of using the new totes by their residents and lack of storage space. They were given specifications for constructing a dumpster enclosure. It was also suggested that the Board provide the Baywoods Representative with a written summary of all specifics having to do with all of their *options* and *guidelines* as outlined by the Township Board.

Road Patrol Discussion on new contract for 2024. There will be an increase in cost for our Road Patrol officer from \$48,100 to \$52,800 for 2024. Motion by Campbell/Fisher to approve the contract 2024 Agreement for Special Police Protection between Frankenlust Township and Kawkawlin Township through the Bay County Sheriff Patrol Services. Discussion on what the costs cover. Roll Call Vote:

Fisher yes
Campbell yes
Britton yes
Ortner excused
Begick yes

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Supervisor Campbell will send a letter stating our concern over the increasing costs in our Road Patrol.

Snowplowing Contract Motion by Britton/Fisher to allow Trustee Begick to abstain from voting on the snowplowing proposal from Begick Nursery. 3 aye, 0 nay. Carried. Motion by Britton/Fisher to accept the snowplowing contract as corrected from Begick Nursery for the 2023-2024 season. Roll Call Vote:

Campbell yes
Britton yes
Ortner excused
Begick abstain
Fisher yes

3 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Bay County Water and Sewer Motion by Britton/Begick to approve Resolution 2023-004 concerning the change from a \$25.00 fee to turn the water supply off on a delinquent account and another \$25.00 fee to turn it back on when the account has been settled to a one-time delinquent account charge of \$50.00. Roll Call Vote:

Britton yes
Ortner excused
Begick yes
Fisher yes
Campbell yes

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

PFAS There is a class action lawsuit against DuPont & 3M nationwide for their part in contamination of PFAS in the water supply. Currently there is no trace of PFAS in our water supply. Motion by Fisher/Britton to commit to participating in the Class Action Settlements against DuPont and 3M PFAS and request that the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer submit claim forms on our behalf. Roll Call Vote:

Ortner excused
Begick yes
Fisher yes

Campbell yes
Britton yes

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Court Hearing A court hearing was held on November 2, 2023. Person in question was held in contempt of court. He has until December 15, 2023 to correct all violations. We will receive a notice from our attorney Marcie Blossom, after the judge indicates what needs to be completed. Zoning Administrator, Davd DeGrow, Doug Stevens from Fleis and Vandenbrink and Supervisor Campbell were all present. Motion by Britton/Fisher to pay Zoning Administrator, Dave DeGrow \$150 for the three hours he spent attending the court hearing. Roll Call Vote:

Begick yes
Fisher yes
Campbell yes
Britton yes
Ortner excused

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Road Repair for 2024 Bay County Road Commissioners sent a letter indicating that they are in the process of planning road repair in the county for 2024. Any suggestions for roads in our township needing to be repaired should be sent to them by December 1, 2023. Trustee Britton suggested we look into the current condition of Ziegler Road and the possibility of including that road in our 2024 recommendation.

State Tax Commission State of Michigan Department of the Treasury sent a letter to Supervisor Campbell indicating that the State Tax Commission held a meeting October 23, 2023. They certified and returned the jurisdiction of the 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022 assessment rolls to Frankenlust Township.

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting minutes from October 18, 2023 are on file.

Sheriff's Report Report on file.

Employee Handbook Trustee Britton met with Chad Karsten from Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes to review the items that the Board discussed at the October 10, 2023 meeting. It was pointed out that Employees are to be paid weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or bi-monthly not quarterly, as stipulated in the Michigan Payment of Wages and Fringe Benefits Act. Holiday pay was discussed for office staff. Motion by Fisher/Campbell to approve holiday pay for the observed 10 Federal holidays in 2024 for 7.5 hours for each day at the employee's hourly wage beginning January 1, 2024. Roll Call Vote:

Fisher yes
Campbell yes
Britton yes
Ortner excused
Begick yes

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Early Voting Contract Motion by Britton/Begick to approve entering into a contract for Bay County to run the 9 day early voting at one location for all Townships in Bay County. To have each township hold their own early voting precincts would cost up words of \$35,000.00 to run them. New equipment, supplies, 4-5 election inspectors for each day would need to be paid as well as notifications to voters of times, days

and locations. Bay County Clerk Katie Zanotti and staff will be running the early voting with help from election inspectors from all the townships. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Budget Adjustments Motion by Begick/Britton to approve a budget adjustment recommended by Clerk Fisher.

101-215-740.003	Clerk Conventions & Seminars	\$500.00
101-215-862-001	Clerk Mileage	- \$500.00

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting is December 12, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Township Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor