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*9-12-23*  
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**Frankenlust Township Board Meeting**  
**August 15, 2023 4:00 pm**

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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, Britton, Fisher and Begick  
Excused Absent None

Consent Agenda Items Motion by Britton/Begick to approve the regular Board minutes from July 11, 2023, accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$303,919.96 from the General and Misc. Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Public Input None

Township vs Escamilla Attorney Marcie Blossom stated that both Ben and George Escamilla along with their attorney had agreed to completing the court ordered ordinance violations by June 1, 2023. Zoning Administrator Rodney Nanney, Attorney Marcie Blossom, Doug Stevens went to the property. There were still several things on the court order list that had not been completed. Discussion on how to move forward. No decision made at this time.

Fire Department No meeting was held for August 2023. Fire Department runs for July totaled 40 with a YTD total of 304. Fire Chief Kukla stated that a resolution would need to be adopted by the Frankenlust Township Board of Trustees to begin our own Explorer Program replacing the Boy Scouts of America Program. He presented the details of what would be needed to be done to set this up. Motion by Britton/Begick that we accept the resolution supporting the Frankenlust Township Fire Department Explorer Program and authorize Fire Chief Kukla to forward that resolution to the appropriate parties. Roll Call Vote:

Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Planning Commission Report is on file.

Zoning Administrator Report is on file.

Tree Removal A request to have Frankenlust Township remove a tree that could fall on a resident's property and cause damage was discussed. Trees in the park that need to be trimmed or cut down were mentioned in relation to public safety. Motion by Britton/Begick to not have the tree taken down at township expense. Discussion. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried. A bid list will be sent out with that list.

Solar Ordinance Motion by Begick/Britton to accept the proposal regarding the drafting of the Solar Ordinance update from Spicer Group for \$2,000-\$3,500. Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Master Plan Amendment Motion by Britton/Begick to accept the proposal as outlined from Spicer Group regarding the amendment on the Master Plan for a price approximately \$24,500.00. Roll Call Vote:

Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Water Billing Rates The Board discussed the reasoning behind amending Resolution 2023-001 for water rate service charges. Bay County recommends dropping the service charge rate to match the rest of the county. Supervisor Campbell discussed the recommendation with Gary Bartow at Fleis and Vandenbrink. It was decided that it would be an acceptable move. Motion by Fisher/Ortner to approve the amended water rate service charges to \$14.23 for Frankenlust Township. Roll Call Vote:

Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Inspectors Contract Renewal Motion by Fisher/Ortner to approve the renewal of contracts for Frank Bryden as Electrical Inspector and Richard Sabias as Building Official, Building Inspector and Building Plan Reviewer for Frankenlust Township for September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Recycling Grants Supervisor Campbell received a letter on behalf of The Recycling Partnership funders and staff approving a \$24,000 grant along with technical assistance. This grant will be applied to the cost of new recycling bins for township residents. We expect a reply to our grant application to EGLE by mid-September.

AKT Peerless Ground Penetrating Radar will be used on the former MI Haus property to identify unmarked underground utilities and structures. Miss DIG will be called in to identify any underground public utilities.

Zoning Administrator A letter from Rodney Nanney, former Zoning Administrator, was reviewed. All monies and fees that are owed to him will be paid per his contract.

Department of the Treasury A letter was received from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury regarding the 2018-2022 assessment rolls for Frankenlust Township. The letter included a bill for \$4,085.00 covering time and expenses incurred by the State Tax Commission. Future audits of the assessment rolls involve evaluating township administrative fees and how they are being recorded and spent.

Road Patrol June and July 2023 reports on file.

Treasurer Hours Treasurer Ortner expressed a request to adjust her hours at the township office. She suggests that she would keep the Tuesday hours, as is, but have the second day hours more flexible. Discussion. The Board will review at the September meeting.

Budget Adjustment Motion by Fisher/Ortner to approve the following adjustment to the General Fund Budget:

101-257-740.002	Assessor Supplies	+	\$4,500.00
101-101-801.011	Attorney/Profession Fees	-	\$4,500.00

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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

Debbie Fisher, Township Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor