## Frankenlust Township Board Meeting September 13, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.

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, Begick and Britton

**Excused Absent: None** 

<u>Consent Agenda Items</u>. Motion by Britton/Begick to approve the regular Board minutes from August 9, 2022, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$221,884.60 paid from General and Miscellaneous Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Britton yes
Ortner yes
Begick yes
Fisher yes
Campbell yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

<u>Public Input</u>: Mark Sequin reviewed the issues he has had to deal with for over 3 years as he tried to build his house in Frankenlust Township. He met the requirements and received approval, obtained his certificate of occupancy to move into the house. He lived there for 5 months and was sent a notice of violation regarding excess fill material. The violation states the fill material needs to be removed from one side of the yard and moved to another area of the yard to meet Flood Hazard Ordinance No. 28. He requested guidance from the Board as to what his next step should be to handle the issue. The Board is not prepared to make a decision on this matter at this time without reviewing all of the information from Mr. Sequin and talking with Mr. Nanney. He asked the Board to waive any fees if he needs to bring the current issues to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Sequin will attend the Board meeting in October. Motion by Ortner/Begick to waive any Zoning Board of Appeal fees for Mr. Sequin, if he needs to file an appeal.

**Roll Call Vote:** 

Begick yes Fisher yes Campbell yes Britton yes Ortner yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Fire Department. The meeting minutes for August 01, 2022 are on file. A report of the run/incidents for the department is on file. There were 36 calls in August, 2022: 3-Fire, 22 EMS/Rescue, 4- Good Intent, 0- Hazardous Condition, 1 - Service Call, 2- Special Incident Type and 4 - False Alarms, 0 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire), 0 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster, with YTD total of 268 calls for 2022. Chief Kukla questioned the balance of funds for Meadow Lake. Treasurer Ortner is waiting to discuss the balance with the Auditor since the project is completed and there is still money in the fund. Active Assailant Training next month. All agencies across Bay County including Fire, Police, EMS and Dispatch will be participating to learn the county system to deal with an active assailant. All of our firefighter members are required to attend all eight sessions. The 9/11 memorial this past weekend was attended by John Gerhauser and Tony Passariello representing our Fire Fighters at the Antique Fire Museum. We thank Paul Davis Restoration for the donation of bottled water for on scene and training sessions. Saturday, October 1, 2022 will be the Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The fire department received an application for a new Firefighter. Will schedule an interview. Background check is being conducted. The SAM account has been setup.

Water Contract. A meeting is scheduled on September 19, 2022 in Saginaw to discuss the water contract. Mr. Gary Bartow from Fleis and VandenBrink and Frankenlust Township Attorney, Richard Shepard as well as Supervisor Campbell. Saginaw-Midland Municipal Water Supply Corporation denied our request to enter into a contract with Bay County for water to Frankenlust Township. No reason has been given. Supervisor Campbell has asked for a reason why our request was declined. Attempts to contact the City of Saginaw to modify parts of the contract have gone unanswered. The only response they gave was if we decided to sue, it would be held in Bay County. Supervisor Campbell has spoken with the City Manager of Frankenmuth, she indicated that they have had the same contract with the City of Saginaw since 2012. They pursued several options including digging their own wells and water plants. They signed the contract. They have not had to deal with the 425 Agreement and have found options to get around some things. Trustee Begick stated he has felt from the very beginning of the new contract being offered that it was pushing us in a corner with no options to back out or negotiate anything that would be to our advantage. Hopefully, we will be able to find out more after Supervisor Campbell's meeting on September 19, 2022. Currently we have the option of negotiating or securing a Detroit attorney.

<u>Water Loops.</u> Gary Bartow from Fleis and VandenBrink, stated he would recommend if we are able to negotiate the water contract with the City of Saginaw, we would like to be allowed to have certain water loops completed and be exempt before the approval and execution of a new contract. One area would connect the waterline from Delta Road to Symphony of the Tri-Cities. Currently, they have a waterline from their property south to Freeland Road. If anything would happen to that line, they would not have a water supply. Another loop to have

completed and be exempt is east of 4 Mile Road on Hotchkiss Road. The 2021 Water System Reliability Study from Fleis and VandenBrink strongly recommended this loop be completed for water quality and fire protection which it would not be affected by the 425 Agreement. The Board will wait until it receives more information after Supervisor Campbell attends the meeting on 9-19-22. The Board can then ask Fleis and VandenBrink to help draw up a proposal for the work on the water loops to be done and send it out for bids. ARPA funds would probably be used for this project.

Nature Park. No report presented.

Planning Commission. Report on file.

**Zoning Administrator**. Report on file.

Sign Image. At the last meeting, the Board approved a design for a new digital sign to be made and installed by Sign Image. The next step is picking colors. If all is approved, it is possible that it could be installed in early October. Trustee Britton went back over the design that was chosen at the last meeting which matched well with the architecture of the existing building. Discussion on recommendations from Zoning Administrator, Rodney Nanney. Motion by Britton/Begick to adopt concept #1 with the yellow/cream color on the upper area of the sign. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

<u>Escamilla Case</u>. On September 15, 2022 there will be a status conference with the judge to see what has been done and if there is still a need to have a contested hearing. Motion by Begick/Fisher to continue with the suit if not settled by 9-15-2022 hearing. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

MI Haus. Contract with MDL Reality to sell the MI Haus expires on December 22, 2022. They are saying there has been some interest but no offers. Supervisor Campbell talked with Billy's concerning a demolition done on the building. They will give us a quote on the demolition work, asbestos removal and draining the basement. The fire department isn't interested in doing a control burn on the property because of the paperwork and manpower required to do that. The township should be able to re-coop the cost of the demolition work when it is sold. Fire Chief Kukla asked that the Board keep the Fire Department in mind to let them have access for some training to be done as long as it is deemed safe. Motion by Britton/Ortner to move forward with the steps needed to demolish the MI Haus building.

## Roll Call Vote:

Fisher yes Campbell yes Britton yes Ortner yes Begick yes

5 ayes. 0 nay. Carried.

<u>3 Year Road Plan</u>. A 3-year Road Plan was presented by Supervisor Campbell to give to the Bay County Road Commission. All local roads repairs are in no particular order and can be done as Township funds are available. The Frankenlust Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to deviate from the plan as needed. Motion by Britton/Ortner on approving the 3- year Road Plan as recommended by Supervisor Campbell. 5 ayes. 0 nay. Carried.

<u>Meter Replacement</u>. Supervisor Campbell reported an estimated total cost for replacing meters in the future. Not all will be replaced at the same time. It will be spread out over a 3 to 5-year period. The Township has funds that are at the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer over and above what funds we have here. Bay County Department of Water and Sewer will be doing the hydrant flushing with the cost to come out of our funds at the county.

<u>Bassett Case</u>. He has completed the court ordered cleanup but still owes the Township \$800.00 for the cost for the filing fee of the action, attorney services, court officer's services fee and the Zoning Administrators fees. If it isn't paid, it will be added to his property taxes.

Road Patrol. Report for August on File.

<u>Budget Adjustments</u>. Motion by Fisher/Britton to make the following budget adjustment as recommended by Clerk Fisher:

101-265-801.001 Electric Plan Review + \$200.00 101-265-801.000 Building Plan Review - \$200.00

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Motion by Britton/Campbell to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: October 11,2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor