**Frankenlust Township Board Meeting**

**February 14, 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 and special Board minutes from January 10, 2022, January 17, 2022 and February 9, 2022, accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented and authorize payment of bills in the amount of $144,446.77 from the General and Misc. Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:**

**Fisher yes**

**Orton yes**

**Britton yes**

**Campbell yes**

**Begick yes**

**5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.**

**Public Input: None**

**Fire Department. The meeting minutes for February 2, 2023 are on file. A report of the run/incidents for the department is on file. There were 43 calls in January, 2023: - Fire, EMS/Rescue, - Good Intent, - Hazardous Condition, - Service Call, Special Incident Type and - False Alarms, Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire), - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster, with YTD total of calls for 2023. They didn’t receive the DNR grant to**

**purchase turnout gear. The equipment has expired and will be ordered soon. An AAA and AFG grant have been applied for. Fire Chief Kukla will get the breakdown on the January calls when he figures out the report module on the new software.**

**Planning Commission.**  **Report on file.**

**Zoning Administrator. Report on file.**

**Nature Park. No report presented.**

**Poverty Exemption. Motion by Ortner/Begick to approve the 2023 Guideline Resolution for Poverty Exemption. Roll Call Vote:**

**Campbell yes**

**Britton yes**

**Ortner yes**

**Begick yes**

**Fisher yes**

**5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.**

**Rezoning. A request to the Planning Commission to review parcel #030-B10-000-005-01 which is currently split-zoned C-2 and C-3 zoning districts to unify the parcel zoning under C-3 District.**

**The Planning Commission approved this request on November 16, 2022 and is now being presented to the Frankenlust Township Board for approval. Motion by Britton/Begick to approve the rezoning of parcel #030-B10-000-005-01 as recommended by Zoning Administrator, Rodney Nanney and the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote:**

**Britton yes**

**Ortner yes**

**Begick yes**

**Fisher yes**

**Campbell yes**

**5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.**

**Marijuana Policy. Supervisor Campbell sent information to Attorney, Rich Sheppard concerning the Townships policy on Marijuana use by employees. It was recommended that the Township’s policies need to be updated. He also contacted our insurance agent, Jason Orton at the David Chapman Agency, who indicated that he would pass it on to the risk management team for evaluation. The biggest issue that was our vehicles are DOT certified. Fire Chief Kukla stated that they really aren’t DOT certified. The vehicles are tested under DOT inspection so that they are under the highest testing standard but that they are not certified. We are not required to follow their physicals or other guidelines and standards. Our department follows the MIOSHA standards. This issue will be tabled until we hear more information from our insurance company. Trustee Britton asked how the insurance company would view our policy in determining the liability risk to the township. Supervisor Campbell stated that the insurance policy would indicate that we can word our policy any way we want but it would then make recommendations as to how that would affect the townships chances of being sued. Trustee Begick stated he would be curious to see what the State of Michigan and the Federal Governments have for their policies on this issue. The Federal government still considers Marijuana a Class 1 narcotic. There is no available testing to determine at what level the marijuana is affecting the person involved.**

**2023 Building Better Roads**. **The board was instructed to review the Bay County Road Commission 2023 Building Better Local Roads Policy. If there are any roads that you feel need repairs done to them in the next three years, please bring them to the Supervisor Campbell’s attention to add to the list of road repairs for the Bay County Road Commission. Primary roads in the township such as Seven Mile and 2 Mile to Stone Island are not included.**

**Sheriff’s Report. Traffic Stops was extremely high at 92. After talking to our Deputy Judd and Sheriff Cunningham, Supervisor Campbell was told that they received a grant for traffic stops, etc., so they needed to use it in those areas.**

**Ordinance Correction. A correction needs to be noted that Ordinance 79H that was adopted was numbered incorrectly. No changes are needed to the ordinance but the number needs to be correct from 79H to 79I.**

**Backflow Quotes. After receiving a high quote from Smillie’s Plumbing and Heating on installing a Backflow Prevention assembly that Hydro Corp. stated was needed after an inspection was completed, it has been determined that more quotes are needed. Supervisor Campbell sent requests to Remer Plumbing and Heating and Chartier Plumbing for quotes on this same system. Motion by Britton/Begick to accept the lowest bid after they are all received. 5 aye. 0 nay. Carried. Supervisor Campbell has contacted the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer letting them know that we will not meet their deadline dates but that we are working on the issue.**

**Bulk Water Cost. The Board will need to review the charges for bulk water used by our residents. Example: Merritt Township charges $1 for 180 gals. Frankenlust Township currently charges $1 for 250 gals. Supervisor Campbell will talk with other townships to discuss their bulk water rates.**

**MTA Convention. Trustee Britton will be attending the MTA Convention in Traverse City in April. If any board member that isn’t able to attend would like him to attend a particular session or get information on it such as the employee handbook session, let him know.**

**Treasurer Report. Treasurer Ortner reports that $200 was taken from our account by DTE. It is being investigated. Also having trouble with Amy Stothard’s direct deposit account. She is working with the bank to get that cleared up. An increase in Waste Management rates was noticed on the last invoice. The treasurer and clerk will check into it and bring a recommendation to the board for a budget increase for the rest of the fiscal period.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.**

**Next Regular Meeting: March 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Debbie Fisher, Clerk**

**Ronald Campbell, Supervisor**