

# Frankenlust Township Board Meeting

## January 13, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Ron Campbell. Present are Campbell, Fisher, Britton, Begick and Revord. Absent: None. The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Britton/Fisher to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting, with corrections, pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$158,571.50 and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Date Change. The January Board meeting was originally scheduled for January 14, 2020. It was changed to January 13, 2020 because of scheduling conflicts.

Public Input. None.

Fire Department. Trustee Britton reported as Fire Department Liaison for Fire Chief Kukla. Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2020 are on file. There were 34 calls in December: 4 Fire, 25 EMS/Rescue, 3 Good Intent, 1 Hazardous Condition, 2 Service Call, 0 Special Incident Type, 0 False Alarms, 0 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster, with YTD total of 389 calls, which was a record high volume for the Department. Trustee Britton wanted to give special credit to the Fire Fighters who took the time to man the state on their own time on January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> during the storm, to respond quickly to any emergencies. Ben Helmreich and Gavin Tucker passed their Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) test and are now licensed by the State of Michigan. This completes Ben's probationary requirements and he has been promoted to full active member status. Gavin has already completed the requirements and is full active member status. Probationary members, Craig Corcoran and Josh Dewar, have their tests scheduled and we wish them luck on their upcoming exams. Jacob Bennet and Lt. Bob Markle worked on the Fire Department Grant Committee resulting in receipt of a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. This grant will go toward the purchase of a new air compressor, cascade cylinders and monitoring equipment, and to replace old equipment that is out of service and beyond repair. The local Firehouse Subs Restaurant, on Bay Road in Saginaw, was instrumental in assisting the Grant Committee in obtaining this award. Frankenlust Fire Department is the first and only public safety agency in Bay County to ever receive this grant. Motion by Britton/Begick to accept the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant of \$25,816.51. Roll call vote: Campbell-yes, Britton-yes, Revord-yes, Begick-yes, Fisher-yes. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried. A DNR grant was also received, in the amount of \$1940. It will be applied towards a 50/50 match (\$3880 total purchase) to cover the cost of Wildland helmets. Britton also reported that a tree, on the west side of the parking lot between the fire barn and the house next door, needs to be trimmed. The neighbors will be contacted before the Supervisor makes arrangements to have the tree trimmed.

Planning Commission. A recommendation by Trustee Britton to contact residents and business owners in our Township to give input into updating our Master Plan was discussed. We have done surveys in the past and received some response. M-84 is the focus of the Master Plan and what improvements could be done to the corridor. Other Townships have found it helpful to get their residents involved with their opinions and ideas. It was agreed that Trustee Begick will discuss this idea with the Planning Commission and Consultant, Rodney Nanney. Complete report is on file.

Zoning Administrator. Complete report on file. Discussion on item #9, regarding a prospective bride who asked if the Township had any rules against “adult-use marijuana” consumption in a wedding tent on the Bay Valley Resort’s grounds during her reception. She was referred to Frankenlust Township Ordinance No. 81A, which prohibits marijuana use in public places.

LifePak AED. A quote was received from Stryker for a new Lifepak CR2 Defibrillator AED for \$ \$1718.75, which included a credit of \$100 for the old unit as trade in. A recommendation to purchase the unit came from Fire Chief Kukla. Motion by Britton/Revord to purchase the AED as described and quoted from Stryker for the front office. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

2020 Board Meeting Schedule. The scheduled meeting dates for the Township Board meetings was reviewed for 2020. No changes were made.

Sandy’s Flowers. The property taxes for Sandy’s Flowers, Parcel #: 030-011-200-050-00 are in arrears. If the taxes for 2017 in the amount of \$1038.92 are not paid by 3-31-2020, the property will go into foreclosure. If the property goes into foreclosure, Frankenlust Township could purchase the property, which now has property taxes owed, to date, of over \$53,000.00.

Miss Dig. In the past, 811 calls to Miss Dig were paid for by the Bay County Road Commission. If a contractor or a resident called Miss Dig to have them come out to a property and mark all gas and electrical lines there would be no fee. Now it is the responsibility of each Township to pay that fee of \$1026.27. A discount is offered if you are using a “gold shovel” contractor.

Fire Department Issues. Treasurer Revord raised several questions on reimbursing the costs of books and education expenses for Firefighters. AccuMed is stating that incident reports must be submitted with time calculated to the quarter hour. We are submitting reports in exact time and their software does not handle that setup. It was brought up by Supervisor Campbell that the last billing for an incident was October 17, 2019. No incidents have been reported or billed to AccuMed since then. Trustee Britton, as Liaison for the Fire Department, will discuss all of the above issues with Fire Chief Kukla and report back to the Board.

Reimbursement Letter. A letter was received by the Treasurer’s office containing \$500.00 in cash along with a note. There was no return address on the envelope along with no name or signature on the note that was received by mail. It stated the sender was remorseful for doing some damage to Township property over 50 years ago. The sender apologized and wanted to make amends for damages done. The sender asked the Township to accept the money and put it where it could best be benefitted.

Fire Department Banquet. It was agreed on that the Board Members would each donate \$25.00 to pay for 2 gift baskets from Begick Nursery to be donated to the Fire Department Firemen’s Banquet on February 29, 2020. The baskets will be used as a raffle items.

Board Member Acknowledged. Recognition of Marlene Scheuerlein, who recently passed away, for her years of service and dedication to the Frankenlust Township Planning Commission from 1979 to 2004.

House Bill 5119. House Bill 5119, which would allow Township employees such as Firefighters, to be on the Township Boards, is still being considered by the House Local Government and Finance Committee. MTA was supporting it, but has now raised concerns stating possible conflicts of interest.

MTA Conference. Trustee Britton expressed disappointment in the selections for the upcoming MTA Conference in Traverse City, MI, this year. He is of the opinion that the majority of workshop topics and discussions offered are not applicable to the current needs of Frankenlust Township. Britton raised the question of value received for the cost of attending this year’s conference. Due to a lack of interest, no Board Member expressed an interest in attending this year.

Budget Adjustments. Motion by Revord/Britton to make the following adjustment to the General Fund as recommended by the Clerk:

101-265-801.003	Plumbing Plan Review	+100.00
101-265-801.001	Electrical Plan Review	- 100.00

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

May 2020 Election. The Bay City Public School District is planning a \$28.4 million dollar bond vote on May 5, 2020. The bond request would continue an existing millage and generate \$28.4 million dollars for new buses, technology upgrades and building updates. Bay City School taxpayers are paying 2.34 mills for debt payments for the current bond. The proposal next year would extend the millage until the year 2035, if voters approve the millage proposal.

BCTOA. The Bay County Township Officials Association will hold its next meeting April 15, 2020. Frankenlust Township will be hosting the meeting. There was discussion on the catering, donations from businesses and residents to be used for raffles, location and other details. A quote was given to Supervisor Campbell, from Brooklyn Boyz Inc., for the meal. Further Board discussion will follow on this topic. Trustee Begick will check with his staff on flowers for the tables to be used for decoration and raffle.

Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Britton/Revord to adjourn. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.  
Next Meeting: 02-11-2020 at 4:00 p.m.  
Debbie Fisher, Clerk  
Ronald Campbell, Supervisor