

# Frankenlust Township Board Meeting

## December 13, 2022 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, Begick and Britton

Excused Absent: None

Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Britton/Ortner to approve the regular Board minutes from November 10, 2022 with the correction recommended by Clerk Fisher for the amount of bills paid from General and Misc. Funds in the amount of \$336,496.48, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$80,895.36, paid from General and Miscellaneous Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Public Input: None

Fire Department. The meeting minutes for December 1, 2022 are on file. A report of the run/incidents for the department is on file. There were 40 calls in October, 2022: 2-Fire, 29 EMS/Rescue, 5- Good Intent, 1- Hazardous Condition, 3 - Service Call, 0- Special Incident Type and 0 - False Alarms, 0 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire), 0 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster, with YTD total of 370 calls for 2022. Trustee Britton and Fire Chief Kukla met to discuss a dispute that was received. The dispute is from Bay City Electric, Light, & Power, disputing a cost recovery invoice for a power line down incident. While the cost recovery ordinance includes an hourly rate for apparatus usage that is an accurate representation of expense for shorter duration calls, a power line down incident can last numerous hours. In those incidents, the ordinance recovery rate for an apparatus does not accurately reflect the expense for use of the truck for that many hours without incorrectly inflating the invoice. Motion by Britton/Ortner for Fire Chief Kukla to adjust the cost from \$4,446.20 to \$1,911.97 for run #22-165. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried. Motion by Britton/Fisher for Fire Chief Kukla to adjust the cost from \$8,476.59 to \$3,438.17 for run # 22-330. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried. Fire Chief Kukla will submit the adjusted costs and send them to Accumed to be billed again. The board requested Fire Chief Kukla notify the board in the future prior to submitting

similar invoices when excessive costs for apparatus usage may be reviewed prior to billing for possibly adjustment. Motion by Britton/Ortner to hire Grady Bouchard to the Fire Department. Fire Chief Kukla stated that he has met all of the requirements needed to be accepted. He lives a short distance outside the township borders but still very close to respond when needed. He comes with no experience so he will need to begin training as soon as possible. Fire Departments. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried. This will bring the membership of the Frankenlust Fire Department to a total of 16.

Zoning Administrator. Report on file.

Nature Park. No report presented.

Planning Commission. Report on file.

R.E.U. Adjustments. After review of a letter sent by the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer on the annual review of the R.E.U. (residential equivalent user), a motion by Britton/Fisher to accept the new R.E.U. as presented was made. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried. Supervisor Campbell will call the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer to get more information on several customers whose R.E.U. seemed to be high for their normal usage and increase, including Bay Valley and Begick Nursery.

Foreclosure. A letter was received from the Bay County Treasurer's office concerning parcel 030-L05-000-046-00 in Glen Eagle subdivision. It is an unclaimed narrow strip of property in the possession of the county and has not been sold at auction. It is to be transferred to the ownership of Frankenlust Township unless the board decides to submit a letter declining it. After discussion, a motion by Ortner/Fisher to send a letter declining the transfer of this parcel. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Board Reappointments. Three board positions on the Planning Commission (3 yr term), four positions on the Board of Review (2 yr term) and three positions on the Construction Board of Appeals (2 yr. term) are due to expire 12/31/22. The current Board members have agreed to fill the positions for another term. Motion by Ortner/Fisher to accept the reappointment of the board members as indicated. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Bay Valley. Mr. Mike Loomis, contractor for Bay Valley, submitted an email to the Zoning Administrator, Rodney Nanney, asking for approval to submit a bid for the conversion of selected current hotel rooms into suites. According to Mr. Nanny, It was unclear whether they were talking about apartments or suites in the hotel. The Board requested that both Mr. Loomis and Zoning Administrator, Rodney Nanney attend the board meeting in January and help clarify the information that was provided.

**Symphony (formerly Caretel).** The management at Symphony is asking that the past due fees on their current water bill be waived. Due to extenuating circumstances, the bills were not paid by the due date. They have asked for, and received, a waiver on water bill costs in the past. Motion by Britton/Begick to waive 50% of the \$1390.85 invoice for \$695.43 but none of the \$271.82 plus invoice. They will be responsible for \$967.25. Note: Forgiveness was given on late bills in 2020 when the new owners took over Caretel. It is being given again but for a final time. 5 aye. 0 nay. Carried.

**Sheriff's Report.** Report for November is on file.

**Snow Plow.** Snow Plow was sold for \$2500. Discussion on how to distribute the money between the Fire Department and the Township. We were told that it was purchased with the truck. All vehicles are usually purchased from General Fund money from the Township. It will need to be researched as to how it was purchased and what funds were used.

**Meadow Lake.** Treasurer Ortner has spoken with the auditor to determine what their recommendations would be to take care of a balance of \$1,616.58 in the Meadow Lake Fund. There has been no activity with that fund in several years. The Township took out the bond for the original project. So it is felt that the funds need to go back into the General Fund. Motion by Ortner/Begick to move the money from the Meadow Lake Fund to the General Fund.

**Assistant Secretary.** Two interviews are scheduled for Thursday morning, December 15, 2022 for the open assistant secretary position. A third application has been received. It is our current Administrative Secretary Dee Ann LaPan's daughter. Motion by Britton/Fisher to decline the third application received stating a conflict of interest with the current staff. 5 aye. 0 nay. Carried.

**Administrative Secretary.** After discussion of how Dee Ann LaPan was hired for the position vacated by Amy Stothard without an interviews or approval by the board, a motion was made by Fisher/Ortner to hire Dee Ann LaPan for the position of Administrative Secretary. It is noted that, according to the current Frankenlust Township Handbook, no one should be making any decisions to hire anyone for positions unless the entire board has reviewed all applicants and approved them. 4 aye. 1 nay. Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: January 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor