

Frankenlust Township Board Meeting

March 8, 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, Britton, Begick

Excused Absent: None

Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Britton/Fisher to approve the regular Board minutes from February 8, 2022, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$72,535.61 paid from General and Miscellaneous Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Public Input. None.

Little Free Library. Jill Bialek gave a presentation on the Little Free Library system. A Little Free Library is placed in areas where it is easily accessible to everyone. A box is built to hold the books that are donated. The box is filled with books for all ages. Anyone can take a book to read. They could also leave a book for someone else to read. Jill would like permission to place a box at the Nature Park to start the program in Frankenlust Township. Jill will have the box built, installed and maintain it. Motion by Britton/Ortner to allow Jill Bialek to install a Little Free Library in the Nature Park and if all goes well, one can be put near the Township offices too. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Fire Department. The meeting minutes from February 3 2022, are on file. A report of the incidents/runs for the department is on file. There were 24 calls in February 2022: 2 Fire, 15 EMS/Rescue, 5 - Good Intent, 1 - Hazardous Condition, 1 - 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 58 calls for 2022. First Responder grant was submitted to help pay for a new sign at the Township offices. Fire Chief Kukla indicated that it isn't likely that we would receive the grant for a new sign project but is hopeful. The Fire Fighters removed the plow from Truck 20 and took it to M & R Transmission to be evaluated. They were unable to replicate the issue once the codes were cleared. It was recommended to warm the vehicle up for 5 minutes before using it. The plow will need several people to put it back on the truck. Discussion on putting the plow back on the truck or outsourcing any future need for plowing for this season. Motion by Fisher/Ortner to allow Trustee Begick to abstain from the motion of hiring Begick Nursery to do plowing. 4 aye, 0 nay. Carried. Motion by Campbell/Britton to hire Begick Nursery to plow parking lots and clear sidewalks for the rest of the 2021-2022 winter season as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Campbell yes
 Britton yes
 Ortner yes
 Begick Abstain
 Fisher yes

4 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

A location to store the plow in an area that would be easily accessible for next season is needed. Fish and Wildlife contacted Fire Chief Kukla asking to do a controlled burn. Fire Chief Kukla would need to setup a plan and implement the burn. He recommended that they contact the DNR since our Fire Department would be willing to assist but not plan or do the burn. No further contact has been made to the Fire Department or Township Supervisor Campbell. Frankenlust Township Fire Department assisted in the fire at Supreme Carpet’s warehouse on Mackinaw. We had two crews in the course of eight hours cycling in and out to control the fire. Fire Chief Kukla is concerned about his budget for fuel for the rest of this fiscal year. A Fire Department member, John Gerhauser, asked about the stimulus money that the township is going to receive and how it is going to be used. He would like to see some of it used on the parking lots if it falls within the guidelines. We have received half of the approximately \$366,000.00. No decision has been made as to how the funds will be spent.

Nature Park. No report presented.

Planning Commission. Report on file. Planning Commission member and Board Trustee, Jim Begick, stated that the Planning Commission will recommend that the Township Board adopt amendments to Ordinance 79 of the Zoning Ordinance. None of the Board members have received these amendments. Trustee and Planning Commission Board member stated the amendments have to be presented to Bay County for approval first. Board members will address the issue after the draft of the amendments have been sent to them.

Zoning Administrator. Report on file.

Township Mowing: The Township Board discussed the proposal from Artisans Landscaping and Rich’s Lawn & Garden. Motion by Britton/Fisher to accept the 2022 proposal from Rich’s Lawn & Garden Includes mowing the Michigan Haus property as needed from May 1, 2022 and expiring April 30, 2023.
 Roll Call Vote:

Britton yes
 Ortner yes
 Begick yes
 Fisher yes
 Campbell yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Mowing Roads: The Township Board discussed the proposal from Jay’s Lawn Care for mowing secondary roads, Old Hickory Estates Retention Pond and any blite properties in the township. Motion by Campbell/ Ortner to accept 2022 proposal from Jay’s Lawn Care for May 1, 2022 and expiring April 30, 2023. Roll Call Vote:

Ortner yes
Begick yes
Fisher yes
Campbell yes
Britton yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Township Sign: Discussion on modifying the current sign or purchasing a new sign. Trustee Britton will research what is needed to update the current sign that would be used to put into a bid form to be sent out to interested companies.

Board of Review: Discussion on increasing the pay for the Board of Review meetings and hearings. Motion by Britton/Fisher to increase Board of Review Compensation as follows:

Appeal Hearings	Members \$75.00 Half Day	\$150.00 All Day
	Chairperson \$95.00 Half Day	\$190.00 All Day
All Other Meetings	(includes Organizational, July and December Meetings)	
	Members	\$30.00 Per Hour
	Chairperson	\$35.00 Per Hour

Roll Call Vote:

Begick yes
Fisher yes
Campbell yes
Britton yes
Ortner yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Budget Adjustments. Motion by Ortner/Britton to make the following adjustments to the general budget as recommended by Clerk, Debbie Fisher:

101-101-702-010	Secretary	+ \$2200.00
101-101-725.001	Administration Pension Plan	+ 100.00
101-101-748.000	Township Building Improvements	- 2300.00
101-265-801.005	Plumbing Inspector Wages	+ 110.00
101-265-801.007	Mechanical Inspector Wages	+ 400.00
101-265-801.000	Building Plan Review	- 510.00

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned. Motion by Fisher/Britton to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: April 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor