

Frankenlust Township Board Meeting

June 8, 2021 – 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, Begick, Ortner, Fisher, Britton

Excused Absent: None

Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Britton/Fisher to approve the regular board minutes from May 11, 2021, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$208,984.09 from General and Miscellaneous Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Fire Department. Meeting minutes from June 3, 2021 are on file. A report of the incidents/runs for the department is on file. There were 44 calls in May 2021: 6 Fire, 26 EMS/Rescue, 6 Good Intent, 0 Hazardous Condition, 6 Service Call, 0 Special Incident Type and 0 False Alarms, 0 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster, with YTD total of 156 calls for 2021. A new explorer, John Gerhauser, Jr., has joined the department. There are currently 3 explorers in the program. Extract and Dryer are due to be delivered soon. It will require power and drainage to be installed to hook everything up. Discussion on putting in a concrete slab on the west side of the building to store the plow during off season months or it can be stored off site in a pole barn offered by a Firefighter. Hydrants need to be exercising and the area around them trimmed. Bay County Water and Sewer offers to do it at \$15 per hydrant. We have paid \$5 per hydrant for someone to do it. Motion by Britton/Begick to pay someone \$10 per hydrant to do the flushing, weed trimming, maintenance and painting annually. Roll Call Vote:

Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried

Proposal for Fire Chief Position. Fire Chief Kukla provided a detailed presentation that he prepared to the board. There are many items that are required to be done over and above the normal daily, weekly, monthly routines to meet standards at the state and federal levels that haven't been addressed and completed in years, if ever. When completed, those items would help the department run more efficiently and effectively. Fire Chief Kukla is proposing to increase his days working at the township from 2 days to 3 days per week to accomplish these tasks. The board will review the proposal and make a determination when setting the 2021-2022 budget. Trustee Britton, as board liaison to the Fire Department, was asked by the board to meet with Frankenlust Fire Chief, Bryan Kukla, to present questions and concerns expressed by board members.

Nature Park. In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and help from Chippewa Nature Center, work was begun on cutting autumn olive (an invasive species) and putting up barricades and fencing. There is more work to be done.

Planning Commission. Reports from May 19, 2021 are on file.

Zoning Administrator. May report on file.

Fiscal Year Resolution. Motion by Britton/Ortner to approve the Resolution to Reconcile Fiscal Year Accounting giving guidelines to costs to be included in each fiscal year. If an expenditure is completed in June, but not billed or paid for until July, it will be accrued for the previous fiscal year. If the expenditure is started in June, but not completed and billed until July, it will be included in the new fiscal years. Roll Call Vote:

Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes

Fund Balance. Road construction on 8 Mile Road will be complete before June 30, 2021. The budget for roads has a balance of \$23,286.36 remaining. Our auditor disclosed that we could take money from the Fund Balance to cover this overage of approximately \$64,000.00. Motion by Campbell/Begick not to exceed \$70,000.00 from Fund Balance to the budget to cover the cost of the road construction on 8 Mile Road, which will be replaced when planning the 2021-2022 fiscal budget. Roll Call Vote:

Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Bay County Water and Sewer. Supervisor Campbell gave the Bay County Water and Sewer permission to send delinquent water bill letters to those affected residents. This letter will include options for help in paying these overdue bills. There are 16 accounts for all residential properties that are delinquent. No shutoffs are planned. This letter is for information only to guide them in paying the delinquent bills.

Planning Commission. Alice Eschenbacher has resigned from the Planning Commission after many years of service. Supervisor Campbell has interviewed Cristi Gettel, who has applied for the position. Motion by Campbell/Britton to appoint Cristi Gettel to finish the term of that open position. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Land Survey. Assessor, Anissa Zaucha, recommended to require a survey to be done on a land division to verify the correct boundary lines of the parcels. Motion by Campbell/Fisher to approve the resolution for Frankenlust Township to require a survey to be done on a land division, registered and a copy be given to the township. Roll Call Vote:

Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Sands Bar. The Municipal Boundary Line Sewer Agreement for the Sands Bar has been signed by the owners, the Bay County Road Commission and Frankenlust Township. A signature from the City of Bay City is still needed. Trustee Britton asked about the sentence on page 1 paragraph one of the agreement stating "The City may charge an administrative fee for collecting and transmitting the sewer charge to Frankenlust Township." Will there be a cost to the Township? Supervisor Campbell replied "no, the cost is on the customer".

Sheriff's Report. April 2021 Sheriff's Activity report is in file.

Budget Meetings. Preliminary Budget meeting June 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Budget Hearing June 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

New Stop Sign. The intersection of Freeland Road and Seven Mile Road will become a 4-way stop effective June 15, 2021. Trustee Britton recommends that this notice be put on the township website.

Election Wages. Motion by Fisher/Ortner to increase the wages for an Election Inspector from \$10 to \$12 per hour. Roll Call Vote:

Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Budget Items. Discussion on how to simplify the budget process. Many of the items will be pre-set such as salaries, insurance, etc. Discussion on costs for the proposed wages for an extra day for the Fire Chief Kukla and where will it be coming out from.

Assistant Secretary Position. The board will need to consider filling an upcoming opening in our office by the end of the calendar year.

Meeting Adjourned. Motion by Fisher/Ortner to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting July 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor