

Frankenlust Township Board Meeting

October 11, 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, Begick and Britton

Excused Absent: None

Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Fisher/Britton to approve the regular Board minutes from September 13, 2022, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$97,542.60 paid from General and Miscellaneous Funds as needed.
Roll Call Vote:

Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Public Input: Mark Sequin asked the Board for an update on Zoning Administrator, Rodney Nanney's response to Mr. Sequin's ordinance violation on his property on Delta Road. Supervisor Campbell spoke with Mr. Nanney and was told that Mr. Nanney stands firm in his opinion of the ordinance violation. The next step would be for Mr. Sequin to file for an appeal with the Zoning Board of Appeals. A date will be set for the hearing. The Board confirmed that it had agreed to waive any fees to file with the ZBA for Mr. Sequin. Mr. Sequin e-mailed a resume to the Board and he asked the Board to review his resume and consider him for the job of Zoning Administrator. The Board has not had time to review the information as a Board. Supervisor Campbell will contact Mr. Nanney and ask him to attend the Board meeting in November 2022. Mr. Sequin says that he will attend any meeting that Mr. Nanney is able to come to.

Fire Department. The meeting minutes for September 1, 2022 are on file. A report of the run/incidents for the department is on file. There were 27 calls in September, 2022: 2-Fire, 20 - EMS/Rescue, 3- Good Intent, 0- Hazardous Condition, 2 - Service Call, 0- Special Incident Type and 4 - False Alarms, 0 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire), 0 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster, with YTD total of 293 calls for 2022. Fire Department Open House was

held on October 1, 2022. They had a good turnout. Fire Fighters will help with the Trunk or Treat at the schools coming up in a few weeks. Patriot Ambulance is new to Bay County coming from Genesee County. They petitioned Bay County Medical Patrol and were approved to service the northern part of Bay County. They are operating out of a building in Kawkawlin, Michigan. They recently opened up service in the former Bay City Times building on Mackinaw Rd. They will now be helping to serve other townships including Auburn, Monitor and Frankenlust. Fire Chief Kukla expressed concern on the availability of the one vehicle that is available. No issues yet but there could be if the ambulance were somewhere else and we needed to have it in our township. Would Medstar then be sent? More information to come. The Fire Department had a missed call. First time that we have experienced this since Fire Chief Kukla has been in charge. There was no one scheduled to cover calls one day since no one was available. Monitor Township covered the call. ESS are modern battery energy storage systems. Fire Departments across the country are seeing more and more fires related to ESS that are more dangerous and difficult to extinguish. Fire Chief Kukla asked that if there are any homes or business in the area using this battery power equipment that the Fire Department be notified so they can be ready for any problems. Micah Schultz has met the requirements and has been approved for a fire fighter. He is already enrolled in classes which the board approved last month. Trustee Britton endorses Micah saying he has known him for a long time. He feels he is a fine young man and will be a good addition to our fire department. Motion by Britton/Ortner to approve Micah Schultz as a new member of the Frankenlust Fire Department. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Zoning Administrator. Report on file. Supervisor Campbell emphasized paragraph #19 of the Zoning Administrator's report concerning a violation code on Mr. Sequin's property at 2303 Delta Road which involved the lot's grading. The Board members were asked to read it and be familiar with its contents. Treasurer Ortner stated that she has talked to Mr. Nanney about the issues surrounding the current violations. Mr. Nanney doesn't treat people well and that isn't acceptable but he treats everyone the same and he follows the ordinances as they are written. A meeting needs to be formed having the Board Members, Mr. Nanney and Mr. Sequin to hear all sides of the issue.

Nature Park. No report presented.

Planning Commission. Report on file.

AMAR- Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements is done every 5 years. During the audit, the Michigan Tax Commission review how a township is calculating property taxes for residents and business. In 2019 Frankenlust Township failed the audit. Several assessors were hired to try to correct errors on how property taxes were calculated. Many errors have been corrected. The main issue now is land values. Each classification of property such as agricultural, residential and commercial has to be determined. You have to be able to defend the way in which the property for each is determined. Assessor, Anissa Zaucha, contacted the State of MI and was put in contact with a person that is sub contracted to do this work. They went through

the material point by point. She was given specific items that need to be corrected. She called Reed Duford who has been helping her go through everything in each of the neighborhoods that are in our township. She has been paying Mr. Duford from her own salary.

Since this is a Township issue, Anissa should be reimbursed for what she has paid out to Mr. Duford. Motion by Britton/Ortner to reimburse Anissa for her out of pocket expenses and hire Reed Duford as our consultant to get everything corrected and back on track. Roll Call Vote:

Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Escamilla. A consent judgement has been issued on the Frankenlust Township v Bernardo Escamilla and George J. Escamilla. Motion by Begick/Ortner to approve the consent judgement for the case. Supervisor Campbell, Trustee Begick and Zoning Administrator Mr. Nanney were in attendance. They went through the violations that were listed and determined what had actually been completed. He will need to comply to the rest of the violations that are listed and they must be completed by June 1, 2022 and he must pay any costs and fines required. Another inspection will need to be completed to make sure that the violations have been corrected. Since we have a judgement, he could face jail time if work is not completed. It is of the Supervisor's opinion that the parking lot for this property does not comply with the site plan that was approved. A company would have to be hired to take core samples to determine that the pavement was of the correct material and installed correctly. The Board determined that other new businesses were not tested so it would be unfair to test his parking lot. Roll Call Vote:

Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Fisher	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Road Patrol Contract. An 8.5% increase is shown on the 2023 Road Patrol Contract between Frankenlust and Kawkawlin Townships through the Bay County Sheriff Patrol Services. Motion by Campbell/Ortner to approve the 2023 Road Patrol Contract between Frankenlust and Kawkawlin Townships through the Bay County Sheriff Department at \$48,100.00. Roll Call Vote:

Begick yes
Fisher yes
Campbell yes
Britton yes
Ortner yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Snow/Ice Removal. Trustee Begick put together a form for vendors to use when quoting snow and ice removal from the Frankenlust Township's parking lots and sidewalks for the 2022-2023 winter season.

Calendar. Motion by Britton/Fisher to approve the Frankenlust Township Calendar for December 2022-July 2023 and the Frankenlust Township Board of Trustee 2023 Yearly Meeting Schedule. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Road Patrol. Report for September on File.

Fleis and Vandenbrink. Gary Bartow with Fleis and Vandenbrink indicated to Supervisor Campbell that it would be in the best interest for the Township to receive bids on having the buildings and site demolition done for the former Das Michigan Haus located on 2507 Delta Road, Bay City, MI 48706. The board was presented with the language for the advertisement which will appear on the township's website and published in The Pinconning Journal. Fleis and Vandenbrink will prepare a bid package to include all of the requirements needed to complete the demo with the asbestos removal. We can use the same package details that were used for the Sandy's Flower Demo. It will just need to have the property name and location changed. Should be no charge.

Property Taxes. Not all Township Treasurers in Bay County will be doing the printed tax bills for the winter season. Government requirements show that we need to provide a public record of who has paid their property taxes and who has not. If one is needed it can be printed from the system quickly. A report from our BS&A software would give Treasurer Ortner this information that she would be able to make available to the public. No one has complained about paying the late fees since we stopped accepting post dates on property tax payments arriving after the due date.

Budget Adjustments. Motion by Britton/Begick to make the following budget adjustment as recommended by Clerk Fisher:

101-265-801.001	Electric Plan Review	+ \$500.00
101-265-801.000	Building Plan Review	- \$500.00

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Eagle Scout Project. The raised flower beds near the Frankenlust Township Pavilion were made and installed as an Eagle Scout Project by Isaac Banaszak. Though there were some minor issues in the way the project was to be completed Trustee Begick who consulted on the project feels it can be approved and considered complete. Frankenlust Township Board agreed to pay for materials. Isaac will be submitting the cost of the materials to be reimbursed.

Water Contract. A new contract from the City of Saginaw for water should be available next week. Only changes involved will be going to court in Bay City not Saginaw if needed. Attorney Richard Shepard is drafting a letter to the Saginaw Midland Water Corporation asking for an explanation of why we were turned down to receive water from Bay City. If we do the loops, it will require a 399 from EGLE. If anyone connects to that loop the 425 agreements will go into effect. The 425 agreement states that if for example a business with 10 or more employees have connected to one of the loops that we will be adding, then they have to pay city income tax plus tap fees. Less than 10 employees, they would have to pay the tap in fees. For a residential home, there would be an additional fee that would have to be paid to the city in addition to the township fees. If a developer wants to put in a subdivision with 100 homes, they will have to pay \$2000 per home now, not as each home is being built. We should have a new rate schedule soon. The Bay County wholesale water rate will increase by four cents per CCF. The transmission rate is increasing 5.5%. Supervisor Campbell is expecting the City of Saginaw rates to be less. City of Saginaw can not take millage money from Frankenlust Township.

Motion by Ortner/Britton to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: November 15,2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor