

Frankenlust Township Board Meeting
November 19, 2024, 4:00 pm

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, Britton, Fisher, Ortner and Begick

Excused Absent: None

Consent Agenda Items. Motion by Britton/Begick to approve the regular Board meeting minutes from October 8, 2024, and special meeting October 31, 2024, except the Treasurer's reports and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$89,933.20 from the General and Misc. Funds as needed. Roll Call Vote:

Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Public Input. No Public Input

Fire Department. Meeting minutes from 11-7-2024 are on file. There were 50 calls in October 2024. 371 as of the end of October. Nothing else to report at this time.

Nature Park. No Report.

Planning Commission. Report is on file. Discussion on recent building permit issued.

Zoning Administrator. Report is on file.

Solar Ordinance. Special meeting November 22, 2024, at 1 p.m. to take action on new solar ordinance as proposed by the Planning Commission.

Deputy Hours. Discussion on amount of time Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer should work per week or month. The board agreed to leave the exact amount of time up to the clerk and Treasurer, depending upon the amount of work and time that will be required in the office.

Insurance. Supervisor Campbell presented the quote received from Jason Orton, David Chapman Agency, on the additional cost to increase replacement coverage to \$600,000.00 on the Fire Department Pumper and Engine vehicles. The annual premium increase would be \$6,091.00 for a total of \$32,200.00. The annual premium increase would be \$6,091.00 for a total of \$32,200.00 annually. Also, Treasurer Ortner stated she

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talked to our CPA who indicated that the Township has the ability to borrow money internally and make regular payments to pay it back. Motion by Britton/Fisher to approve the increase in the insurance premium of \$6,091.00 annually for the 2024-2025 year.

Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes

5 ayes. 0 nay. Carried.

CNA SURETY. The question was raised as to the status of our inquiry with CNA Surety regarding overpayment to Richard Sabias, former Building Inspector. It was determined we're going to have to involve the Township Attorney in this matter. Clerk Fisher will follow up on this matter.

Road Patrol. Fire Chief Kukla presented calculations that reflected the number of hours and at what hourly rate, the current special Deputy Sheriff is working in the township. Supervisor Campbell will discuss these numbers and road patrol services with Bay County officials. Motion by Ortner/Britton to renew the contract for one year.

Roll Call Vote:

Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes

5 ayes. 0 nay. Carried.

Snow Plowing Bids. Motion by Begick/Ortner to allow Trustee Begick to abstain from voting on the snow plowing contract. 5 ayes. 0 nay. Carried. Motion by Britton/Ortner to accept the bid for 2024-2025 snow plowing from Begick Nursery. Roll Call Vote:

Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	Abstained

4 ayes. 0 nay. Carried.

Easement. Supervisor Campbell received a letter concerning the Release of Easement signed by Bay Tag LLC which is the easement on the MI Haus property by Dollar General. There are only easements by Consumers and ITC left on the MI Haus property. The property has been secured.

Water Main. Supervisor Campbell received a letter from Jim Lillo from the Bay County Road Commission indicating a number of water main breaks on Hotchkiss Road. Mr. Lillo is requesting a meeting to discuss the replacement of the Hotchkiss Road water main, funding options and a timeline for replacement.

Sheriff's Report. Reports on file for September and October 2024.

Mandatory Sick Time. Guidelines for "Preparing Your Township to Comply with the New Mandatory Paid Sick Time" were sent from Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC.

Master Plan. Michigan Township Association informed us that the Master Plan will be required to include housing provisions.

Fire Department Garage Lights. A bid was received from Van Herweg Electric Inc. to replace the remaining lamp fixtures for the Fire Department garage area. Motion by Fisher/Ortner to accept the bid for 13 fixtures at a cost of \$1,340.00. Roll Call Vote:

Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes

5 ayes. 0 nay. Carried.

An estimate is requested for all remaining fixtures to be replaced in the rest of the building to be considered in the 2025-2026 budget.

PA233 Appeal. A letter was received from Foster Swift Law Firm indicating they have filed an appeal against the Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) October 10, 2024, decision which challenges the order which attempts to unlawfully strip local governments of their authority to regulate renewable energy projects within their communities. A total of 79 Michigan counties are participating.

Thank you. Trustee Britton expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Treasurer Gayle Ortner (4 years) and Clerk Debbie Fisher (8 years) for their years of service to Frankenlust Township

Newly Elected Officials. Recognition to Frankenlust Township's newly elected Township officials: Supervisor Ronald Campbell, Clerk Dee Ann Lapan, Treasurer Amy Stothard, Trustee Samuel Britton, and Trustee Jim Begick. Deputies will be announced in the December meeting.

Tax Penalties. The Board indicated that an account should be set up for any penalties that may be incurred in the future. A line item will be added to the Revenue and Expenditure Report.

Budget Adjustments. The following budget adjustments were recommended by Clerk Fisher:

101-101-900.002	Uncategorized Expenses	+ \$ 4,000.00
101-101-748.000	Township Building Improvements	- \$ 4,000.00
101-253-743.000	Treasurer Postage	+ \$ 2,500.00
101-253-801.000	Tax Bills	- \$ 2,500.00

Motion by Ortner/Begick to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by Clerk Fisher. 5 ayes. 0 nay. Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Special Solar Ordinance Meeting November 22, 2024, at 1.00 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting is December 10, 2024, at 4 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Township Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor