

Frankenmuth Township
Annual Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
City & Township Government Center
240 W. Genesee Street, Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734

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Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees: Judy Kern, Barry Marshall, Mike Laux, Wallace Schluckebier, Helga Schluckebier, Tom DeZarn, Barbara DeZarn, Jack Cron, Connie Cron, Leo Daenzer, Dean Haubenstricker, Larry Hecht, Bernie Keinath, Martin Warnick, Jim Scherzer

Township Board Members Present: Supervisor Hildner, Treasurer Marshall, Trustees Frahm and Bierlein, Clerk Valone.

Also present: Zoning Administrator Gretchen Nielsen, Police Chief Don Mawer

Supervisor Hildner called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. by opening with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and gave the prayer.

There were no agenda additions under Public Hearings.

The minutes of the March 2018 annual meeting were distributed to all in attendance. Motion by Dean Haubenstricker, supported by Martin Warnick to approve the March 19, 2018, meeting minutes as printed and presented. Unanimously carried.

The public hearing for Police Protection and Special Assessment opened at 7:02 P.M. There was no discussion. Motion by Martin Warnick, supported by Dean Haubenstricker to renew the special assessment for police protection at \$285.00 per household for 2019 ó 2020 and continue taking \$51,000.00 from the General Fund to subsidize the cost for police protection which includes \$21,000 of Charter franchise fees. Motion called: Yeas - 13, Nays - 0. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:03 P.M.

The public hearing for the Fire Equipment Special Assessment opened at 7:03 P.M. The proposed assessment increases for 2019 ó 2020 to \$33.00. Question by Wallace Schluckebier about the fire department possibly moving to the old Universal building. The Supervisor responded that the Universal building does not have floor drains and the doors are barely big enough for fire trucks to exit through. There were no further questions.

Motion by Wallace Schluckebier, supported by Dean Haubenstricker to accept the Fire Equipment Special Assessment amount of \$33.00. Motion called: Yeas ó 13 Nays ó 0. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:06 P.M.

The public hearing for the Trash Collection Special Assessment opened at 7:06 P.M. The proposed assessment increase is \$12.00 from \$125.00 to \$137.00 for 2019ó 2020. An extended conversation about the recycling industry was led by Supervisor Hildner.

H. Schluckebier: News said recycling programs are strong.

Hildner: No market, not enough buy it.

W. Schluckebier: Is there enough room in landfills?

Hildner: Canada brings theirs here.

Scherzer: What are other townships thinking?

Hildner: MMWA has 34 townships and municipalities. Not sure what their thoughts are right now.

Barry Marshall: If there is no market, are they taking recycling to the landfill any way?

Hildner: Unknown. They are paid to handle it. Some is in storage. Many communities are shutting down their recycling programs because it is so expensive.

Barry Marshall: Feels community needs more training on what is recyclable and to avoid contamination.

Hildner: Anything dirty will contamination (pizza boxes not recycle material)

Cron: What is the handout?

TH: Refers to market. Republic is single stream recycler to make it easy. We may be able to save 1/6th of our cost is stop.

Cron: Who decides?

Hildner: MMWA membership. Each gets one vote. Asks for vote on who would like to continue recycling. 12 raised their hands.

DeZarn: Is there a chance what we recycle is thrown in landfill any way?

Hildner: Yes, but I don't know that it is.

Frahm: Some recycling is still worth more than others; we could limit by type again.

Scherzer: If pay for recycling, then they can do what they want with it.

Hecht: Not impressed if I'm paying \$180 per ton and they still send it to landfill

Hildner: China closed it off because they were losing money on contamination.

Frahm: Value in China may be wood-based. They banned post-consumer materials.

DeZarn: Asked for differently worded question ó based on financial aspect of recycling. (general conversation)

Cron: I would be willing to pay \$100 more a year for recycling.

Hildner: Difficult to be exact. May reduce to \$105 plus administrative fees and fuel surplus. 90% participate in recycling generally although we don't have specific numbers for the Township.

Cron: Is there any accountability for where the recycling is taken if not recycled?

Hildner: Unsure

Valone: Please remember that you are not paying trash bill in full ó there is a subsidization.

Marshall: Based off of what we earned in recycling when it was a good industry.

Scherzer: How much did recycling charges increase?

Hildner: From \$120/ton to \$180/ton. Not sure if MMWA will allow townships to opt out of recycling or if it has to be the whole group.

Motion by Dean Haubenstricker, seconded by Jim Scherzer to accept the Trash Collection Special Assessment amount of 137.00 per household for 2019ó 2020. Motion called: Yeas ó 13 Nays ó 0. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:39 P.M.

The public hearing for the Frankenmuth Township proposed budget for 2019ó 2020 opened at 7:39 P.M. Public discussion: None. Motion by Martin Warnick, supported by Judy Kern to

approve the following proposed budget as printed and presented for 2019-2020: **General Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$337,625.00, proposed expenditures of \$413,407.60; **Water Revenue Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$18,678.84, proposed expenditures of \$13,150.00; **Police Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$274,695.00, proposed expenditures of \$249,931.32; **Fire Equipment Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$25,939.00, proposed expenditures of \$25,423.00; **Road Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$283,376.60, proposed expenditures of \$25,939.00; **Garbage Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$106,975.00, proposed expenditures of \$127,350.00; **Building Fund:** anticipated savings account interest of \$1000.00, no expenditures; total anticipated receipts for all funds of \$1,048,289.44, proposed expenditures of \$1,328,180.60. Motion called. Yeas - 13, Nays 0. Motion carried. The hearing closed at 7:42 P.M.

Pursuant to statute, the Supervisor asked for a motion to levy the millage rate to support the budget and to levy the maximum millage rate as allowed under Headlee. Motion by Dean Haubenstricker, support by Connie Cron to levy the millage as presented. Motion called: Yeas -13, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Resolution to establish Township Officer Salaries 0 same as last year. Motion by Judy Kern, support by Wallace Schluckebier to approve Township Officer Salaries at the same level as 2018-2019. Motion called: Yeas - 13, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Scherzer, supported by Wallace Schluckebier to keep the 2019-2020 board meeting dates on the third Monday of the month, with the exception of November (being the fourth Monday), at 7:00 P.M. Motion called: Yeas 13, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Larry Hecht, supported by Mike Laux to designate PNC Bank, Huntington Bank and the Frankenmuth Credit Union as the financial institutions of deposit for all township funds. Motion called: Yeas 13, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hildner presented the list of road projects for the summer of 2019, at an estimated total cost of \$562,000.00 and an estimated total income of \$562,000.00.

Public discussion: None.

Public comment: None

Motion by Martin Warnick, supported by Mike Laux to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Luci E. Valone, Clerk
Frankenmuth Township