

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESORT DISTRICT AUTHORITY
Meeting, Wednesday, March 9, 2016

I. Chairman Molly Luempert-Coy called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America at 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll call.

Present were: Molly Luempert-Coy, Chairman; Kraig Yoas, Treasurer; Joseph Congiolo, Secretary. Also present were Larry Smith, Director; Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith Group; David Wehner, Mannik & Smith Group and Marcia Hatfield, Administrative Assistant. Excused were: Jim McDevitt, Vice-Chairman and Paul Braunlich, Legal Advisor

There were 5 community residents present.

III. Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made to approve agenda as presented by Mr. Congiolo and supported by Mr. Yoas.
Motion carried: 3-0 (voice vote)

IV. Minutes:

Approval of January 13, 2016 minutes

Motion made to accept the above minutes as distributed by Mr. Yoas and supported by Mr. Congiolo.
Motion carried: 3-0 (voice vote)

V. Public Participation: None

VI. Correspondence: None

VII. Reports:

Director's Report (verbal)

FEMA announced the availability of \$289 Million in FY16 pre-disaster mitigation funding. The Director has requested M&SG to look into this opportunity and we will submit an application request and aggressively pursue if appropriate.

A meeting was held with the Township Treasurer regarding borrowing money to pull the SPP seawall project forward and they have indicated they would be willing to do so based on a cash flow feasibility projection.

Included in the directors mailing is a Lake Erie update provide by USACE for 2015. Lake Erie water level was above the long term average in 11 of the 12 months & climbed 30 inches from March to July, which is twice the lake average.

Seven applications have been received for the vacant resident board member position and have been forwarded to the Township for their consideration.

Engineering Report (verbal)

February was a quiet month for Zone 5A (Detroit Beach). The contractor is waiting on the weight restrictions to be lifted on the roads. Clean up and restoration will pick up then. In January, some of the drains were finished behind the wall and some construction cleanup.

A resident of Detroit Beach asked the Engineer if Detroit Beach board members would be notified before the final restoration of the Zone 5a Seawall project. The Engineer will give a notice before the date of completion.

The staff for the Project Zone 2A has begun working on the design. The Director, Larry Smith and Engineer, Dave Wehner has had individual meetings with the property owners. Six easements remain to be obtained including two access locations.

Mr. Yoas suggested possibility purchasing a vacant home for demolition and use of property for an access point. All options will be considered but Engineering is looking into the most cost effective situation.

Engineer, Dave Wehner advised that a meeting on March 4, 2016 with the MDEQ and USACE was very positive and went well. They came out and looked at the seawall projects. They would also like in the future for the Director and Engineering to present at one of their meetings of the Zone 5A Seawall project.

Engineering is evaluating the roads in the district. They have taken photographs and are working on repair & long term maintenance options which will be available by April's RDA board meeting. Last year did not require a large scale repair. The district is working on a proactive maintenance plan instead of reactive.

The rip rap embankment for the Pointe Aux Peaux Farms project has been completed.

Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 1/1/16- 1/31/16

Motion made to accept and place on file the Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 1/1/16-1/31/16 by Mr. Yoas supported by Mr. Congiolo.

Motion carried: 3-0 (voice vote)

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

National Association of Floodplain Managers Conference Memo #07-16

The Director requested permission to attend the National Association of Floodplain Managers Conference in Grand Rapids. An offer to present a paper discussing the RDA and its flood protection activities has been accepted and the Director has been given a scholarship eliminating the conference fee with an expectation of some volunteer service during the conference. Mr. Congiolo stated it is a good idea for the Director to attend to network with and promote the district with Federal and State regulators instrumental in our current and future seawall projects.

Motion was made to authorize the Director to attend this conference with expenses charged to Account # 265-860 Travel by Mr. Yoas supported by Mr. Congiolo.

Motion carried: 3-0 (Mr. Yoas-yes; Mr. Congiolo-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes)

Approval of the January and February Financial Report, Balance Sheet, Income & Expense Report, and Investment Report

Motion made to accept the January and February reports and place on file by Mr. Yoas, supported by Mr. Congiolo.

Motion carried: 3-0 (Mr. Congiolo-yes; Mr. Yoas-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes)

X. Other Items from Board Members:

Mr. Congiolo was glad that there is an interest in what the RDA is doing in the area.

XI. Public Participation:


A resident of Stoney Pointe Beach Peninsula and a resident in Indian Trails expressed the new seawall preformed great during the recent severe storms and is thankful for what the RDA is doing.

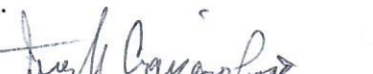
XII. Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Mr. Congiolo supported by Mr. Yoas.

Motion carried: 3-0 (voice vote)

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.


Molly Luempert-Coy, Chairman


Joseph Congiolo, Secretary


Marcia Hatfield, Admin. Assistant