

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESORT DISTRICT AUTHORITY
Special Meeting, Friday, June 30, 2023
Tornado Damage Tree Clean Up

- I. Chairman Molly Luempert-Coy called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- II. Roll call.

Present were: Board Members: Brian Dotson; Gary Klemz; Chris Collins; Don Rushlow; Molly Luempert-Coy, Chairman; Also Present were: Larry Smith, Director; Janae Jones, Administrative Assistant; Kerry Bondy, Legal Advisor present via phone.

III. Meeting:

Single issue discussed is the EF1 Tornado, which included 90 mile per hour winds and golf ball size hail that came through the area on June 15, 2023, causing significant damage in 4 of our beach associations.

Director:

Detroit Beach was thankful to have DTE courtesy van out after the storm, and were happy they had a spot for them to set up. DTE mobilized as quickly as they could; big trees were blocking streets and many limbs were hanging, it was a disaster zone. Residents were already out helping each other, cleaning up the night of the storm with chainsaws, and clearing large limbs and blocked roadways. A few township directors were out with the water department's machinery opening up blocked roadways.

Director spoke with our contractor the day following the storm and they were very responsive to the clean up efforts. Priority 1 was to open the roads up first and make sure no one was blocked in, and Priority 2 was to clear up any hangers over roadways that created safety hazard to the public. We advised residents to drag brush and limbs to the roadside, and Davey is currently in full force cleaning those up. We have gotten several calls and emails to thank the RDA for their response and quick clean up.

Transfer money from Fund Balance to Tree Budget

The estimate to clean up the tornado debris is \$59,400. The RDA tree budget for this year is \$94,235 after transferring the unused funds in the snow removal budget. The ice storm clean up cost \$30,000. We have spent \$78,358 of that budget to date, not counting expenses for this week. This leaves \$15,888 remaining. Director is requesting the board's authorization to continue the cleanup and to transfer \$60,000 from the Fund Balance to the tree budget to continue the cleanup. Mr. Dotson clarified that roughly \$60,000 would take care of this tornado clean up, and only leaves the RDA with \$15,000 in the tree budget for the remainder of the year.

Motion made to transfer \$75,000 from the Fund Balance to the Tree Budget by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Klemz.

Motion carried 5-0 voice vote (Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Rushlow-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes; Mr. Collins-yes).

Motion was made to ask FCT to contribute half the cost of the storm damage tree clean up by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Collins.


Motion carried 5-0 voice vote (Mr. Collins-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes; Mr. Rushlow-yes; Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes).


XIII. Adjournment:


Motion made to adjourn meeting by Mr. Dotson supported by Mr. Rushlow.

Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote).

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.


Molly Luempert-Coy, Chairman


Don Rushlow, Secretary


Janae Jones, Admin. Assist.