

**FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESORT DISTRICT AUTHORITY**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

**I.** Chairperson 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- Chairperson; Chris Collins, Board Member; Donald Rushlow-Secretary; Gary Klemz-Vice Chairperson; Brian Dotson- Treasurer. The Chairperson announced a quorum was present. Also present were Kerry Bondy, Legal Advisor; Brad Shelle, Engineer, Mannik & Smith Group; Larry Smith, Director; Janae Jones, Administrative Assistant; Troy Goodnough, Sheriff.

There was 1 community residents present.

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made to approve agenda by Mr. Collins and supported by Mr. Dotson.  
Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)

**IV. Minutes:**

**Approval of December 11, 2024 Minutes**

Motion made to accept and place on file the December 11, 2024 minutes as distributed by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Collins.

Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)

**V. Public Participation:** None

**VI. Correspondence:** None

**VII. Reports:**

**Director's Report:**

**Lake Erie Level**

Lake Erie water level continues to retreat down to it's long term average. As of the end of November it was only 6 inches above the long term average.

**Engineering Report** (verbal)

The main focus of engineering is continuing the push for the seawall project. They are projecting to have the plans and meetings scheduled with residents very shortly. As soon as they have the date range for this, they will schedule a seawall sub-committee meeting.

**Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 12/1/24-12/31/24**

Sheriff Goodnough presented a data report comparing the past 3 years of calls/complaints within the RDA. He highlighted some of the most important statistics, and gave the full report to Director Smith to share with the board and the Beach Associations within the RDA. The total calls for service in 2022 were 2130, 2472 total calls in 2023 and 2563 calls in 2024. Sheriff Goodnough attributes the increase in calls to the department's proactive enforcement. Criminal activity in general is trending down. Director Smith noted that the presence of the Sheriff Department in the RDA is an asset and makes the community a safer place to live and raise a family.

Sheriff Goodnough said they have partnered with Frenchtown to add 8 FLOCK cameras in the Township at the Stewart/Telegraph corridor and the North Dixie Hwy/I-75 zone. The RDA may want to consider adding a few cameras

in the area. The Sheriff suggests the FLOCK representative give a presentation to the RDA board to see if it would be beneficial to add in the district.

Motion was made to accept and place on file the Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 12/1/24-12/31/24 and the 3-year statistical report by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Rushlow. Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote).

**VIII. Old Business:** None

**IX. New Business:**

**2025 Board Meeting Schedule**

The 2025 RDA Board Meeting schedule follows the current practice of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm.

Motion was made to accept the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule and place on file by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Collins. Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote).

**2024 Accomplishments/2025 Goals**

Director Smith highlighted a few of the accomplishments from 2024. 1) Public meeting was held to renew the 2025 RDA millage at 3.0000 mils. 2) Storm catch basins were cleaned, per the 5 year rotation schedule. 3) Submitted plan and design for seawall rehabilitation project for Stony Point Peninsula (Zone 2B/2C) for regulatory approval. 4) The mussel survey has been completed per the requirements for the seawall project. 5) Contracted the Frenchtown Department of Public Works for the clay berm cutting. 6) Relocated the RDA office to the Frenchtown Charter Township Municipal Center. 7) Crack sealed the roads not completed in 2023.

Goals for 2025 include, 1) Complete property owner meetings for Stony Point Peninsula seawall project in compliance with EGLE requirements. 2) Establish a Road Tree Clearance Policy.

Motion was made to accept the 2024 Accomplishments/2025 Goals and place on file by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Klemz. Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote).

**Election of Officers and Board Appointments for 2025 Memo #22-24**

The board needs to elect new officers for 2025, and make appointments for Engineer, Legal Advisor, Auditor and Director.

Mr. Dotson made a motion to retain the existing officers for 2025, supported by Mr. Collins. Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Klemz-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes; Mr. Collins-yes; Mr. Rushlow-yes. Motion carried 5-0 (roll call).

Director Smith contacted the current appointees for Engineer, Legal Advisor, Auditor and Director, and all have agreed to continue for 2025. Director Smith proposed the board members compensation be increased from \$68.00 to \$69.00 for officers, and from \$63.00 to \$64.00 for members. Mannik and Smith has served as our engineer in the past, and their proposed fee schedule is consistent with the township. Legal Advisor Kerry Bondy has agreed to serve for 2025, and Director Smith proposes a \$5/hour increase in compensation. Our Auditor is under contract, which increases \$200 per year. This year will be \$7600. For employee compensation, he proposed a 3% increase which is also consistent with the township. That would raise the Directors salary from \$34.32/hour to \$34.90/hour; and the Administrative Assistant from \$23.18/hour to \$23.76/hour.

Mr. Dotson made a motion to approve the recommendations as proposed by Director Smith. The motion was supported by Mr. Klemz. Mr. Rushlow-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes; Mr. Collins-yes; Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes. Motion carried 5-0 (roll call).

**Approval of December Financial Report, Balance Sheet, Income & Expense Report, and Investment Reports**

Motion made to accept the December Financial Report, Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report and place on file by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Dotson. Motion carried: 5-0 (Ms. Luempert-Coy- yes; Mr. Rushlow- yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Klemz- yes; Mr. Collins-yes).

**X. Other Items from Board Members:**

Mr. Collins expressed his concern over the plan to deforest a large amount of acreage in the state to convert it into solar fields. He encouraged residents to get involved.

**XI. Public Participation: None**

**XII. Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Mr. Collins supported by Mr. Klemz.  
Motion carried: 4-0 (voice vote)  
The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

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Molly Luempert-Coy, Chairman

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Donald Rushlow, Secretary

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Janae Jones, Admin. Assistant