

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESORT DISTRICT AUTHORITY
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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. Also present were Kerry Bondy, Legal Advisor; Brad Shelle, Engineer, Mannik & Smith Group; Larry Smith, Director; Janae Jones, Administrative Assistant.

There were 4 community residents present.

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

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

IV. **Minutes:**

Approval of September 11, 2024 Minutes

Motion made to accept the above September minutes as distributed by Mr. Rushlow and supported by Mr. Klemz.
Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)

IV. **Public Participation:** None

V. **2025 Budget Public Hearing:**

Motion was made to open the 2025 Budget Public Hearing by Mr. Collins and supported by Mr. Dotson. Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote).

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear comments from the public on the proposed budget and millage of 3.0 MILS to support the budget and the work of the RDA. Pat Syzmanski of Brest Bay Grove questioned if this was an increase from the current year's millage? Director Smith stated it is the same as the current year, and the amount authorized by statute.

Motion was made to close the public hearing on the proposed 2025 budget by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Collins.
Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote).

VI. **Correspondence:** None

VII. **Reports:**

Director's Report: (verbal)

The new Municipal Building construction is moving along. The current target occupancy has been moved to 11/21/24. The RDA will begin to move into their new location as soon it becomes available. Once it is open, they plan to hold an open house for the public, and he encourages all the residents to attend.

Engineering Report (verbal)

Niswander is the contractor that was selected by the RDA seawall subcommittee to complete the required mussel survey for the ongoing seawall project. Mr. Shelle is happy to announce Niswander completed the 1st phase of the survey on October 4th, and no evidence of listed mussel species were located. A final report and DNR coordination will be completed, which should close out this EGLE requirement.

Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 9/1/24-9/30/24

Motion was made to accept and place on file the Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 9/1/24-9/30/24 by Mr. Klemz supported by Mr. Rushlow. Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote).

VIII. Old Business:

Memo from Director regarding Mussel Survey

The RDA seawall subcommittee selected the contractor, Niswander, for the mussel survey as authorized at the September 11, 2024 meeting. They completed it over 2 days, as the water on the bay side was deeper than they anticipated, so they had to come back on day 2 with scuba gear.

IX. New Business:

2025 Budget Second Draft Memo #17-24

There is only one change on the 2nd draft budget, the addition of a line item for the anticipated computer and firewall subscription expenses that come along with the new computers we are getting. Other than that, there are no changes. Director Smith recommends the board approve this change and authorize submitting it the township board for approval.

No further comments or discussion. Director Smith will take care of getting the letter with recommended Budget presented to the township.

Motion was made to submit the 2025 Budget and Resolution to Frenchtown Township for approval at 3 mils by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Klemz. Motion carried: 5-0 (Mr. Rushlow, yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy, yes; Mr. Collins, yes; Mr. Klemz, yes; Mr. Dotson, yes).

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

Motion made to accept the September 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 (Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Dotson- yes; Mr. Rushlow- yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy- yes; Mr. Collins- yes).

X. Other Items from Board Members:

Mr. Collins said the 1st meeting for the corridor improvement authority was held yesterday, and they are excited that it is off and running. Also, there will be a Trunk or Treat at the Township on October 27th, and he said they can use a few more people to pass out candy.


Mr. Klemz asked Mr. Syzmanski if he has heard from the Department of Public Works yet regarding the berms that need mowed? Mr. Syzmanski said he has a meeting scheduled with Rich for the following day.


XI. Public Participation:

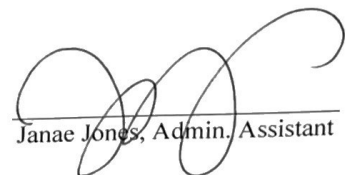
A representative for Stoney Point Beach said he had some questions regarding trees that need groomed and trimmed on Venice Dr, as cars are having to move over on the road to avoid. Director Smith said he is aware of this, and he needs to speak to the homeowner to obtain their permission first. The Department of Public Works has the ability to handle this, and we will be addressing it soon. Stoney Point Beach is also having a lot of complaints regarding dogs running loose through the association. Mr. Klemz advised to have people call central dispatch when they have an issue with dogs running loose. Mr. Collins also recommended the association update their bylaws to include something regarding loose pets. Ms. Bondy said there is a county ordinance regarding dogs not being allowed to run loose, and indicated to call central dispatch at the time of an issue. Ms. Luempert-Coy recommended putting the complaint in writing regarding a recurring issue with a pit bull running loose in the neighborhood.

XII. Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Mr. Collins supported by Mr. Klemz.
Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)
The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.


Molly Luempert-Coy, Chairman


Donald Rushlow, Secretary


Janae Jones, Admin. Assistant