

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESORT DISTRICT AUTHORITY
Wednesday May 13, 2026

- I. Vice Chairperson Gary Klemz 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:; Donald Rushlow-Secretary; Gary Klemz-Vice Chairperson; Brian Dotson- Treasurer; Chris Collins, Board Member The Vice Chairperson announced a quorum was present. Also present were Kerry Bondy, Legal Advisor; Cody Jones, Engineer, Mannik & Smith Group; Larry Smith, Director; Janae Jones, Administrative Assistant; Troy Goodnough, Sheriff. Rich Weirich, Frenchtown Township Utility Director. Molly Luempert-Coy- Chairperson was excused absent.

There were 4 community present.

- III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made to approve agenda by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Rushlow.
Motion carried: 4-0 (voice vote)

- IV. **Minutes:**
Approval of March 11, 2026 Minutes

Motion made to accept and place on file the March 11, 2026 minutes as distributed by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Collins. Motion carried: 4-0 (voice vote)

- V. **Public Participation:** None

- VI. **Correspondence:** Letter to EGLE RE: Stony Point Peninsula Seawall Permit
EGLE has officially denied the Stony Point Peninsula Seawall Permit Application with the explanation of “The proposed project will result in adverse effects to the environment and public trust that are more than minimal”.
Director Smith recommends appealing the denial within the 60 day time limit for appeals.

Motion was made authorizing Director Smith and Mannik and Smith Group to proceed with filing the petition to appeal the May 13, 2026 denial of the Stony Point Peninsula Seawall Permit Application, and authorize Director Smith to spend up to \$10,000 as needed for consulting and additional information by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Collins. Motion carried: 4-0; Mr. Rushlow-yes; Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Collins-yes (roll call).

- VII. **Reports:**
Director’s Report:

Lake Erie Level

Lake Erie water level currently is at the long term normal average, but the Army Corp is projecting the lake levels to increase above the average, most likely due to the 19 inches of rain we have had this year.

Engineering Report No Report

Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 3/1/26-3/31/26 and 4/1/26-4/30/26

Sheriff Goodnough presented the reports. He also announced that as of May 3rd, there was an RDA deputy back on the RDA contract for service.

Motion was made to accept and place on file the Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 3/1/26-3/31/26 and 4/1/26-4/30/26 by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Collins. Motion carried: 4-0 (voice vote).

- VIII. **Old Business:**

Brest Bay Grove Dike Cleanup

A project was started approximately a year ago to clean up the dikes in Brest Bay Grove, but at that time the project had to be suspended due to some damage to homes during the process. Director Smith would like to see this project continued now that the concerns have been addressed, and the DPW is in the process of trying different equipment options for this project. They are looking to do this in the upcoming weeks.

Director Smith and the board authorized the DPW to restart the project to clean up the berms in Brest Bay Grove.

IX. New Business:

2025/2026 Snow Removal Reimbursement #4-26

The same formula as years prior was used to calculate the amount of reimbursement to the associations for the 2025/2026 Snow Removal Reimbursement. The calculated reimbursement of \$28,369.90 is below the budgeted amount of \$60,000.00

The Director recommends the board approve reimbursement to each subdivision for the winter of 2025/2026 snow removal expenses as shown on the presented spreadsheet.

The Director also requests the excess funds in the snow removal budget (440 Public Works 946 Snow Removal) of \$31,630.10 be transferred to the Tree Removal and Trimming Budget (440 Public Works 945 Tree Removal & Trimming).

Motion was made by Mr. Collins to approve the 2025/2026 Snow Removal Reimbursement as presented and transfer the excess funds in the amount of \$31,630.10 to the Tree Removal and Trimming Budget (440 Public Works 945 Tree Removal & Trimming), supported by Mr. Rushlow. Motion carried: 4-0; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Collins-yes; Mr. Rushlow-yes (roll call).

Frenchtown RDA Annual Seawall Inspection Memo #6-26

A proposal from Mannik & Smith Group was presented to the board to provide engineering service to the Resort District Authority for the annual seawall inspection along the Lake Erie shoreline and the clay berms. With the lake levels reaching it's long term average, it is particularly important to assess the impact on this flood protection infrastructure..

The Director recommends that the board approve Mannik & Smith Group conduct the annual seawall inspection for an amount not to exceed \$19,300.

Motion was made by Mr. Dotson to approve Mannik & Smith Group to conduct the annual seawall inspection for an amount not to exceed \$19,300 from Excess of Revenues and was supported by Mr. Rushlow. Motion carried: 4-0; Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Rushlow-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Collins-yes (roll call).

Frenchtown Township DPW and RDA Mowing Agreement Memo #5-26

An agreement, per legal recommendation, was presented to the board for services between the RDA and the Frenchtown Township DPW. The Director recommends approval of this service agreement and the budget be increased to \$10,200 by funds from the Excess Revenue.

Motion was made by Mr. Dotson to approve the mowing agreement between the RDA and the DPW and to increase the budget by a transfer from Excess Revenues and supported by Mr. Collins. Motion carried: 4-0; Mr. Klemz; Mr. Rushlow-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Collins-yes (roll call).

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

Motion made to accept the March and April Financial Report, Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report and place on file by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Rushlow. Motion carried: 4-0; Mr. Rushlow- yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Klemz- yes; Mr. Collins-yes (roll call).

X. Other Items from Board Members: Mr. Rushlow wanted to thank the Sheriff and DPW for the extra efforts to keep the community looking nice.

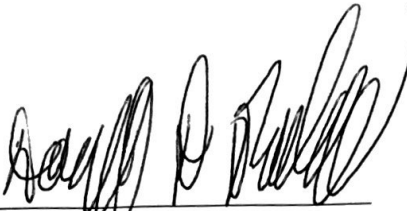
XI. **Public Participation:** Mike Morgan, Stony Point Beach Association, said their association paid \$14,000 to have their berm cleaned up. He wondered if the RDA would pay for this in the future? Directory Smith will follow up with the DPW and Mr. Morgan for an assessment of this.

XII. **Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Mr. Collins and supported by Mr. Rushlow.

Motion carried: 4-0 (voice vote)

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.


Molly Lempert-Coy, Chairman
Donald Rushlow, Secretary
Janae Jones, Admin. Assistant