

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESORT DISTRICT AUTHORITY
Wednesday, June 12, 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 Larry Smith, Director; Janae Jones, Administrative Assistant; Kerry Bondy-Legal Advisor; Brad Shelle, Engineer, Mannik & Smith Group; Rich Weirich, Frenchtown Township Department of Public Works.
There was one community resident present.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion was made to approve agenda by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Rushlow.
Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)
- IV. **Minutes:**
Approval of May 8, 2024 Minutes

Motion made to accept the above May minutes as distributed by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Collins.
Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)
- V. **Public Participation:** Brittney Webb, President Grand Beach Association-Some residents of Grand Beach have reached out to her with concerns over the street lights and the affect the lights have on drawing in the Fish Flies and bugs, and whether the street lights can be shut down during periods of time where the bugs are heaviest. Mr. Rushlow wanted to note that Indian Trails has some of the same concerns regarding the lighting along the lakefront and around the clubhouse regarding the fishflies being drawn into those areas. Ms. Luempert-Coy stated she spoke with Jay Heinzerling, District 4 County Commissioner, who brought up the same comments as Ms. Webb. Ms. Luempert-Coy checked into shutting off the lights for certain periods of time with DTE. There is a waiver that would need to be signed by each Association and Township regarding the duration of time the lights would be out, defining the area of lights that would be shut down, and taking on liabilities for anything that may happen while the lights are shut down. There would not be a charge by DTE for the first time, but there could be charges for each additional time of shutting down and starting up the certain lights. Mr. Dotson stated that each beach association may be on their own circuit, and it may be either all lights shut down or none. Director Smith would like to do some research as to how other lakeshore communities are dealing with lighting and the seasonal Fish Fly nuisances. The board and meeting attendees agree that safety comes first, and the lights may need to stay on, and that more research needs to be done before a decision on this can be made. Ms. Bondy advised waiver will be necessary, and recommends also seeking the advice of the insurance company, and ask them to propose a waiver.
- VI. **Correspondence:** None
- VII. **Reports:**
Director's Report:
Lake Erie Level
The lake is increasing its level due to the seasonal spring normal rise, but it is still retreating back to the long term normal average.

CDARS Investment
The Director and Treasurer reinvested the CDARS funds (\$3,665,229.99) which matured on May 23, 2024 with and additional \$334,770.01 making a total of \$4,000,000.00 at an interest rate of 4.88% for 26 weeks, maturing on November 22, 2024.

Relocation to new municipal building
We met with the furniture vender to begin the plans for furniture in the new location. All the furniture in the new building will be of a similar style. The RDA will select what pieces are needed and reimburse the township for the cost.

We are experiencing a lot of computer issues. Director would like to upgrade RDA computers if there are additional funds. Mr. Collins noted that computers within the Township were upgraded recently, and suggested speaking with the Township to possibly get onboard with their IT through Tech Experts and upgrades.

Clay Berm Maintenance

The RDA Clay Berm Maintenance is now being handled by the Department of Public Works. Rich Weirich spoke and said it has been a challenge but they are getting on top of it. He noted that there is a lot of garbage and debris that has been left on the back sides of some of the berms, but they are working through cleaning it up and getting everything under control.

Dewey's Clay Berm Accident

On May 5, 2024 a vehicle struck the clay berm on the west side of Superior, it went airborne and landed in the water doing considerable damage to the embankment. An engineering estimate of the cost to repair is \$6300.00. A police report was filed and restitution is being sought. The clay berm now is out of compliance with the ordinances and should be repaired promptly. Engineering has spoken with the Department of Public works to repair the berm under the direction of Engineering to meet the flood protection requirements for repair. The RDA will be billed by the Township and hopes to be reimbursed with restitution. Mr. Weirich said they work well with MSG and can get the repair done appropriately. Ms. Bondy has prepared a letter to submit to the insurance company to attempt to collect restitution through the court, although there are no pending court cases at this time in the county.

Engineering Report (verbal)

The proposal for the overband crackfill project was sent out, and they should have all proposals by Friday. They will present the proposal and recommendation at next board meeting.

Regarding the Zone 2B/2C seawall project, based on the last meeting with EGLE, their concerns have been addressed but the permits still show pending in the system. Engineering has started looking into the Mussel survey, as that will need to be addressed.

Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 5/1/2024-5/31/2024

Mr. Collins wanted to note that it seems that the electronic mobile speed signs make a difference. He said people may reach out to him to request to have the sign moved to a specific area within the township, as they move them on Monday's.

Motion was made to accept and place on file the Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 5/1/2024-5/31/2024 by Mr. Collins and supported by Mr. Klemz. Motion carried 5-0 (voice vote).

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

Clay Berm Repair:

Mr. Dotson questioned where the funds will be used from to pay for the repair prior to being reimbursed? Director Smith said the money will come from 440-931 Construction.

Motion was made to proceed with the repair of the damaged clay berm, not to exceed \$6300.00 and go through the Department of Public works for the repair by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Klemz. Motion carried: 5-0 (Mr. Collins-yes; Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Rushlow-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes.)

DTE Street Lighting LED Conversion Memo #10-24

We have received the revised numbers for the DTE street lighting LED conversion that was discussed at the May 2024 RDA board meeting, which will be a cost to the RDA of \$100,250.66 and an estimated annual savings of \$23,321.45, with a payback of 3.99 years. Additionally there is a 20% bonus if we complete the project by the end of August, which should not be a problem. Director Smith attended the most recent Township board meeting, and presented the project to them, as the Township is the official DTE customer, they are the ones that need to authorize and sign the work agreement. They agreed to authorize and sign the work agreement, contingent on the RDA board approving the conversion as well. The Township is also exploring the conversion throughout the rest of the Township. Ms.

Luempert-Coy shared that the City of Monroe and Ann Arbor are also in the process of the conversion and taking advantage of the large rebates from DTE.

Motion was made to move forward with approving the agreement and sending payment for the conversion costs by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Klemz. Motion carried: 4-0 (Mr. Rushlow-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Klemz- yes; Mr. Collins- yes). Ms. Luempert-Coy abstained from the discussion and roll call vote due to being employed by DTE.

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

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

X. Other Items from Board Members:

Mr. Dotson questioned how we were doing with the tree removal budget and catching up from 2023 storms. Director Smith said they are catching up on stump removals and are ok on the 2024 budget.

Mr. Collins said he will be working on a display and ceremony for September's suicide awareness month, and asked if there were any suggestions from the RDA as to where he should place the display?

XI. Public Participation: None

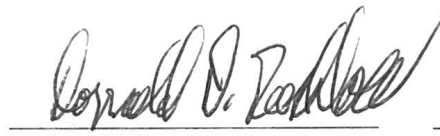
XII. Adjournment:

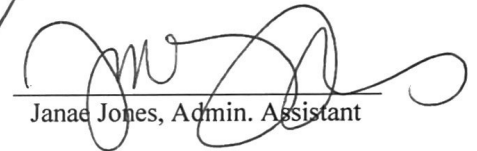
Motion made to adjourn meeting by Mr. Klemz supported by Mr. Collins.

Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.


Molly Luempert-Coy, Chairperson


Donald Rushlow, Secretary


Janae Jones, Admin. Assistant