

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESORT DISTRICT AUTHORITY

Wednesday July 9, 2025

- I. Chairperson Molly Luempert-Coy called the meeting to order at Frenchtown Charter Township Hall 2744 Vivian Rd, Monroe, Michigan 48162, 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; Donald Rushlow-Secretary; Gary Klemz-Vice Chairperson; Brian Dotson- Treasurer; Chris Collins-Board Member. The Chairperson announced a quorum was present. Also present were Kerry Bondy, Legal Advisor; Brad Shelle, Mannik & Smith Group; Larry Smith, Director; Janae Jones, Administrative Assistant; Troy Goodnough, Sheriff; Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk.
- There were 6 community residents present.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Collins.
Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)
- IV. **Minutes:**
Approval of May 14, 2025 Minutes
Motion made to accept and place on file the May 14, 2025 minutes as distributed by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Dotson. Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)
- V. **Public Participation:** Mike Morgan, Stoney Point resident, notified the board that the problem he addressed 1 year ago regarding dogs running loose in the area has gotten worse. The information was provided to Sheriff Goodnough, who will discuss with animal control.
- VI. **Correspondence:** None.
- VII. **Reports:**
Director's Report:
Lake Erie Level: The Lake Erie levels increased to 4 inches above average with the wet spring we have had. The lake levels are expected to retreat.
- Director Smith addressed the prior questions regarding the DTE streetlighting increase in 2024 after anticipating a decrease with the addition of LED lights. There was a cost increase tied to an MPSC rate order with DTE in December 2023, which increased lighting expenses throughout the Township. We are seeing a \$1000 per month savings with the LED lighting.
- Director Smith will follow up with DTE again to check on costs of turning lights off during fish fly season in 2026.
- Engineering Report** (verbal): There are a handful of residents of finalize paperwork and plans with the seawall project. The hope is to have all resident plans signed off on by the end of the month, and plans submitted for approval at that time.
- The board previously approved the replacement of a resident's seawall steps that were damaged shortly after installation during the last seawall project. Mr. Shelle has been in contact with a fabricator regarding the steps, and they are working on a design for the homeowner to approve of. Ms. Bondy will help with drafting an approval letter for the homeowner to sign off on. The design will be within the cost that was approved at the May board meeting.
- Mr. Rushlow noted that the set of steps are still out there and pose a potential danger. He asked if the steps can be marked for boaters and swimmers to notify them of the hazard. Mr. Morgan of Stoney Point Beach said the steps are near the seawall 2 doors down from his house and he is happy to assist with locating them. Sherriff Goodnough offered the dive team to assist with locating the steps during their monthly dive training.
- Monroe County Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 5/1/25-5/31/25 and 6/1/25-6/30/25**
Sheriff Goodnough said there have been a lot of animal control calls coming in, and he will pass on the info from the Stoney Point incident Mr. Morgan brought up. He advised all animal complaint calls be called into central dispatch to be properly recorded and tracked.

Motion was made to accept and place on file the Sheriff Contract Activity Report for 5/1/25-5/31/25 and 6/1/25-6/30/25 by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Klemz. Motion carried 5-0 (voice vote).

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

Resort District Authority Renewal Memo #08-25

The RDA will cease to exist after December 31, 2030 if not renewed by residents of the Resort District. To maintain services and plan for the future, it is important for both the authority and the various subdivision associations to know if the Resort District Authority will continue to exist beyond 2030. This is especially important for the District's capital expenditure programs, particularly the seawall rehabilitation project, as a planned and viable project is required for the RDA to assure potential creditors the ability to repay if additional funding is needed. Early renewal of the RDA will allow this to proceed.

The Director is recommending the board approve renewal of the RDA be placed on the November 4, 2025 ballot. The Township Clerk advises that the election will need to be borne by the RDA. He estimates this cost to be \$7561.04. Additionally, the Director recommends the board approve the resolution for the ballot renewal and authorize the Director to request the Township Clerk to place the RDA millage renewal on the November 4, 2025 ballot and in addition that the Board add to the 2025 budget \$15,500 for account 101 Board 901 Election costs prior to its final approval.

Motion was made to request the resolution for the ballot renewal be signed to authorize the Director to request to the Township Clerk the proposal put on the November ballot and transfer \$15,500 into account 101 Board 901 Election Costs by Mr. Klemz and supported by Mr. Dotson. Motion carried 5-0 (Mr. Collins-yes; Mr. Klemz-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Rushlow-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes).

2026 Budget First Draft Memo #09-25

The first draft of the 2026 Budget was presented.

Motion was made to set the millage at 3 MILS and schedule the Public Hearing for September 10th at 3pm by Mr. Dotson and supported by Mr. Rushlow. Motion carried 5-0 (Mr. Rushlow-yes; Mr. Dotson-yes; Mr. Klemz-yes; Ms. Luempert-Coy-yes; Mr. Collins-yes).

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

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

X. Other Items from Board Members:

Ms. Luempert-Coy wanted to share that Fermi 2 marked their 40th anniversary of operation back in March, and they are into their first license renewal.

Mr. Klemz wanted to let residents know that he has been following up on the berm mowing with the DPW.

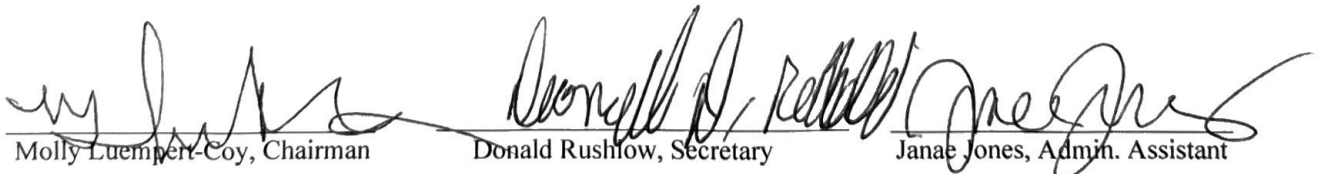
XI. Public Participation: None

XII. Adjournment:

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

Motion carried: 5-0 (voice vote)

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.


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