

Frankenmuth Township
Annual Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
City & Township Government Center
240 W. Genesee Street, Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendees: Donald Mawer, Chief of Police; Dean Haubenstricker, Barry Marshall, Fred Kern, Judy Kern, Jim Scherzer, John Friend, Zoning Administrator, and Martin Warnick

Township Board Members Present: Supervisor Hildner, Treasurer Marshall, Trustees Frahm and Bierlein, Clerk Valone.

Supervisor Hildner called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Clerk Valone gave the prayer.

There were no agenda additions under Public Hearings.

The minutes of the March 2016 annual meeting were distributed to all in attendance. Motion by Dean Haubenstricker, supported by Fred Kern to approve the March 20, 2016, meeting minutes as printed and presented. Unanimously carried.

The public hearing for Police Protection and Special Assessment opened at 7:02 P.M. There was no discussion. Motion by Martin Warnick, supported by Judy Kern to renew the special assessment for police protection at \$260.00 per household for 2017 & 2018 and continue taking \$51,000.00 from the General Fund to subsidize the cost for police protection which includes \$21,000 of Charter franchise fees. Motion called: Yeas - 7, Nays - 0. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:04 P.M.

The public hearing for the Fire Equipment Special Assessment opened at 7:04 P.M. The proposed assessment increases for 2017 & 2018 to \$32. Martin Warnick inquired as to whether this amount was enough considering the cost of equipment. Dean Haubenstricker asked how much the Township pays. Supervisor Hildner explained the City pays $\frac{3}{4}$ of the assessment while the Township pays $\frac{1}{4}$ based on split determined by City-Township Commission. Last year the township paid \$25,900.

Motion by Fred Kern, supported by Dean Haubenstricker to accept the Fire Equipment Special Assessment amount of \$32. Motion called: Yeas & 7, Nays & 0. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:06 P.M.

The public hearing for the Trash Collection Special Assessment opened at 7:07 P.M. The proposed assessment increase is \$5.00 from \$115.00 to \$120.00 for 2017 - 2018.

Jim Scherzer inquired about Waste Management rates. Supervisor Hildner confirmed our latest contract did raise the rates. Dean Haubenstricker inquired into recycling paybacks and Fred Kern asked about fuel savings. Supervisor Hildner explained there have been no recycling paybacks for the past 4 years as there is no market for recycling sales. Since gas prices have dropped, WM is not charging a fuel supplement fee; the timing of this surcharge is included in our WM contract.

Motion by Jim Scherzer, seconded by Martin Warnick to accept the Trash Collection Special Assessment amount of \$120.00 per household for 2017 - 2018. Motion called: Yeas 6 7, Nays 0. Motion carried. Hearing closed at 7:09 P.M.

The public hearing for the Frankenmuth Township proposed budget for 2017 - 2018 opened at 7:10 P.M. Public discussion: None.

Motion by Dean Haubenstricker, supported by Martin Warnick to approve the following proposed budget as printed and presented for 2017 - 2018: **General Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$300,270.00, proposed expenditures of \$306,410.50; **Water Revenue Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$14,230.00, proposed expenditures of \$15,332.50; **Police Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$254,130.00, proposed expenditures of \$241,106.50; **Fire Equipment Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$25,028.00, proposed expenditures of \$24,676.50; **Road Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$196,000.00, proposed expenditures of \$597,558.50; **Garbage Fund:** anticipated receipts of \$92,780.00, proposed expenditures of \$113,332.50; **Building Fund:** anticipated savings account interest of \$800.00, no expenditures; total anticipated receipts for all funds of \$883,238.00, proposed expenditures of \$1,298,417.00. Motion called: Yeas 6 7, Nays 0. Motion carried. The hearing closed at 7:13 P.M.

Pursuant to statute, the Supervisor asked for a motion to levy the millage rate to support the budget and to levy the maximum millage rate as allowed under Headlee. Motion by Dean Haubenstricker, support by Fred Kern to levy the millage as presented. Motion called: unanimously approved.

There were three salary increases presented for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Resolutions approving a 5% increase in the salaries of the Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk were approved by the Board in January. These resolutions were now presented to the electors for approval. Motion by Martin Warnick, support by Judy Kern to approve the 5% wage increase as presented. Motion called: Yeas 6 7, Nays -0. Motion carried.

Motion by Dean Haubenstricker, supported by Fred Kern to levy the millage rate to support the budget and to levy the maximum millage rate allowed by Headlee. Motion called: Yeas 6 7, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Dean Haubenstricker, supported by Larry Hecht to keep the 2017 -2018 board meeting dates on the third Monday of the month, with the exception of November (being the fourth Monday), at 7:00 P.M. Motion called: Yeas 6 7, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Martin Warnick, supported by Judy Kern to designate PNC Bank, Huntington Bank and the Frankenmuth Credit Union as the financial institutions of deposit for all township funds. Motion called: Yeas ó 7, Nays ó 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hildner presented the list of road projects for the summer of 2017, at an estimated total cost of \$597,588.50 and an estimated total income of \$196,000.00. There was money left over in the Road Construction fund because the Bradley Road project in cooperation with Blumfield Township was postponed. The summer projects include improvements on East Tuscola from 12500 to the Catholic Church (misc. drain work, chip and seal some ditch work ó cost to be shared with the City of Frankenmuth); Bradley Road complete reconstruction Maple Road to Reimer (cost shared with Blumfield Township). Eischer Road (gravel and pave). Baker Road (between Dehmel and Block) double chip and seal, along with several miscellaneous projects.

Public discussion: None.

Public comment:

Judy Kern ó Is the township going to one precinct. Clerk Valone ó yes.

Judy Kern ó Has the Board considered building our own Township Building to replace the former Township Hall which is now the Public Safety Building? Judy works elections and it is a hassle to move everything over to the Public Safety Building; in addition, the Fire Department has to move the trucks out so we can set up ballot booths and the tabulators. At the close of the election, they are very eager to get the trucks back into the building but election workers have to run totals on the tabulators and clean up the area. It was also an issue this year that we needed to clean the truck bays before each election due to oil and dirt on the floor. ANSWER: Supervisor Hildner indicated nobody has brought the topic to the Board before. There was some discussion of building at the time the City and Township entered into the Inter-Governmental Agreement which gave the Township Hall to the Public Safety Department and money was put in the Building Fund each year to go toward a new building. Current balance in that account is about \$100,000.00. He estimates a new building to cost \$500,000 plus all the costs that go with it for utilities, etc. We have property west of town on Junction Road that we could use. But the Board would have to see a groundswell of support for it.

Fred Kern ó Will Uptown North Main have a driveway on Roedel Road? Supervisor Hildner: not for the foreseeable future.

Clerk Valone requested Supervisor Hildner update the electors on the cemetery situation. He reviewed the options we had this year to buy the house next door (declined because too expensive for the small acreage we would gain) and that he had spoken with Mr. Geyer about buying some farmland but he didn't want to sell. While we are not in dire need of space, we are at about 70 spaces. It will take time to develop and get health department approvals for the cemetery expansion or creation if we have to go over to our property on Junction Road. Judy Kern asked how many burials a year in the Township

cemetery. Supervisor Hildner said about 10. We also have space at the Olive Branch Cemetery on Dixie Highway.

Motion by Fred Kern, supported by Martin Warnick to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Luci E. Valone, Clerk
Frankenmuth Township

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