

Fraser Township Board Meeting Minutes

April 11th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Prayer and Pledge

Roll call: Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein yea, Galus yea, Hadd yea, Powers yea.

Zoning Administrator- Present.

Budget Amendment: As required. None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve March 14th, 2022 minutes, made by Augustyniak, with an additional **Roll Call Vote** added to the #1 Franchise Agreement with Parish Communications. Supported by Hadd. **Roll call:** Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein yea, Galus yea, Hadd yea, Powers yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

***Special Meeting Minutes** for March 28th, 2022. Motion to accept made by Rugenstein and Supported by Hadd. **Roll call:** Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein yea, Galus yea, Hadd yea, Powers yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk presented bills in the amount of \$42,301.24. Motion to accept bills made by Galus; Supported by Augustyniak. **Roll call vote:** Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein yea, Galus yea, Hadd yea, Powers yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk presented outstanding bills in the amount of \$25,873.99. Motion to accept outstanding bills made by Galus; Supported by Rugenstein. **Roll call:** Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein yea, Galus yea, Hadd yea, Powers yea. All in favor. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

General Fund	\$1,008,273.00
Fire Fund	\$ 298,933.57
Capital Project Fund	\$ 37,608.67
Trash Fund	\$ 288,927.41
Reg Water Fund	\$ 176,804.03
Road Fund	\$ 102,606.62
Ambulance Fund	\$ 90,125.89
Investment Fund/Reserve	\$ 205,908.58
Investment/Fire Truck Fund	\$ 305,596.95
ARPA Funds 2/28/22	\$ 159,320.04

Motion to accept the financial report and place on file made by Powers. Supported by Galus. All in favor: Motion carried.

Treasurer's report attached: Financial report

Treasurer's comments: None

Public Comments: None

Communications: Bay Future Message, Bay County Road Commission Concrete Driveways, Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area Community Leader Engagement.

PUBLIC HEARING:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

Excerpts of Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Fraser Township Hall on Monday, April 11th, 2022 at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: Augustyniak, Powers, Rugenstein, Hadd & Galus.

Members Absent: None

At 7:10 this meeting was called to order & opened to Public Comment.

*Supervisor stated that the next order of business was the consideration of an annual cost increase for the township-wide ambulance service funded by the Fraser Township Special Assessment District. In accordance with the resolution adopted by the board on June 21, 2006, and has been noticed for public hearing for this date.

Attached is a full notice of the public hearing: **Referenced Letter Attached:**

FRASER TOWNSHIP BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNUAL COST INCREASE FOR FRASER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Act 33 of 1951 and Act 368 of 1978, the Township Board of Fraser Township, Bay County, Michigan, desires to consider approving an annual cost increase for the Township-wide ambulance service funded by the Fraser Township Special Assessment District for Ambulance Service.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Township proposes to increase the annual assessment from \$43.00 per parcel to an annual assessment of **\$60 per parcel**, beginning with the Winter 2022 levy, and that the Township proposes to approve an annual increase thereafter of not more than 10% per year beginning with the Winter 2023 levy.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing on the proposed cost increase will be held on April 11th, 2022 at 7:00pm. at the Township Hall, 1474 N. Mackinaw Road, Linwood, MI 48634. At the public hearing, the Township Board will hear and consider any objections to the proposed cost increase and may confirm an amended special assessment roll reflecting the cost increase.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that an owner or party in interest in a lot or parcel of land subject to Fraser Township Special Assessment District for Ambulance Service may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after the date of confirmation of the amended special assessment roll, but only if the owner or party in interest appears and protests at this public hearing. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest or his or her agent in person, or an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

Fraser Township complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If auxiliary aids or services are required at a public meeting for individuals with disabilities, please contact the Township Clerk, at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

Patricia Powers, Township Clerk
(989) 697-3820

Date: March 14th, 2022

The above hearing notice was mailed to each resident, owner, or party of interest, 10 days or more prior to this meeting. Also, this hearing was published in the local Pinconning Journal 10 or more days prior to this meeting. All persons' present were invited to make comments with respect to the special meeting.

A summary of the comments and or questions were made as follows:

- Majority of comments disagreed with the annual 10% increase. They would rather see it tied to cost of living.
- Are people paying for the Ambulance service?
- Is it covered by assessment?
- Will every parcel get a bill?
- Where are the ambulances stationed at?
- Can't afford the \$60.00 per year
- Who pays for out-of-town people accidents'
- Do we have a choice of hospitals we can go to when we are picked up?
- Who owns the ambulance company?

There were no written objections to the Special Assessment meeting.

After everyone present had been given the opportunity to be heard, the Supervisor closed to public comment at 7:53pm. Meeting was resumed to the Fraser Board and back to the agenda.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Northern Bay Ambulance:** Galus made the motion to raise the ambulance money to \$60.00 per year. Supported by Augustyniak. **Roll call vote:** Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein yea, Galus yea, Hadd yea, Powers yea. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Zoning Haney Case:** Michigan Supreme Court turned it down (Haney). We won Assele case; owes us \$1500.00, a lien to go on taxes and has to clean up.
3. **BCTOA Meeting:** Meeting is on April 20th, 2022.
4. **Automated Water System for Fire Barn:** Try to fix existing one first.
5. **A.R.P.A. Projects Assigned to get bids for:** **Clerk:** Carpet or new flooring for large room; **Supervisor:** Eight (8) new roof top units; **Trustee:** Parking lot paved/painted lines.; **Treasurer:** Tables & Chairs.
6. **Ordinance/Cross Connections:** No information from lawyer, yet.
7. **Ariel Fire Truck/Station 16 Maintenance:** Truck will be out of our Fire Station in 30 days.
8. **Township Noise Ordinance:** Still waiting to send to the lawyers.

New Business:

1. **Resolution to remove N.B.A. from D. Knochel Parcel 040-010-200-085-01:** Resolution 4-328-22 passed.
2. **Trash Removal Bids:** Trash Removal bids, to be acquired.

3. **Update Voting Machines Process:** Galus to get room ready for voting equipment. Township to have a locked room for all voting equipment.

Public Comments: Chad Edwards.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Rugenstein, Supported by Galus.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried

Patricia Powers, Clerk