

# Frankenlust Township News

June 2005

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## **From The Supervisor...Hilda** [supervisor@frankenlust.com](mailto:supervisor@frankenlust.com)

M-84 is progressing nicely. They hope to route the traffic to the new lanes by the first of June. They also hope to have the full boulevard open before winter. For the residents along M-84 some temporary arrangements will be made for your mail service. The old road will remain to give you access to your driveways. After the full boulevard is open, parts of the old road will be removed. Some drives will be extended. In some areas the old road will remain to give you access. Amelith Rd. will eventually curve to connect to M-84. Freeland Rd. will end at M-84, it will not cross M-84. If you approach from the west you will only be able to turn south. If you approach from the east you will only be able to turn north.

The 2005 sewer is progressing along Delta Rd. People on Kloha Rd. are already starting to hook into the sewer. They hope to finish construction on that sewer about mid-summer. Hopefully by Fall everyone will be able to hook on. As a result of all the construction we will not start rebuilding any new roads this year. We will put top coats on Amelith (between Mackinaw and Fraser) and on Weiss Rd. There will be some crack-seal work done on Zeigler. In addition, if the bids come in favorably, we hope to fix the drainage problem on Three Mile from M-84 to Amelith.

The new nursing home is just starting to get permits for their project. We anticipate another busy year of construction. Traffic may be diverted and will seem heavier than usual. Allow extra time, don't rush, expect delays.

We have again applied for a grant to help us build the new park on Hotchkiss and Three Mile Rds. Planning and design is underway. If you have equipment, we could use a few hours of bulldozing and tractor work. We also need a lot of manual or woman-u-al labor. Even kid-u-al would be a help. Call the office if you are willing. We need to start clearing a path for our walking area.

Both St. Paul and St. John churches allow children from the Twp to play on their summer sports teams. Call one of the churches if you are interested. It may be too late for this year, but maybe not.

Next month we will be talking with the Bay County Water and Sewer about possible water rate increases. The City of Saginaw has raised our bulk water \$10,100 per month. That is a considerable amount. We have been paying that extra for the last year. We will have to raise rates soon. If you are interested please attend our next meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



**To: Property Owners within Frankenlust Township, Bay County, Michigan**

The owner(s) of land in Frankenlust Township on which noxious weeds are found growing must destroy them before they reach a seed-bearing stage and prevent their regrowth, or must prevent them from becoming a detriment to public health. Such weeds must be cut and the land may be treated with safe chemicals approved for eradicating them.

Weeds not cut by July 1, 2005 may be cut by the Township. The Township may cut weeds as many times as necessary. All expenses incurred by the Township in cutting shall be paid by the owner of the land. The Township will have a lien against the land for its total expense of cutting. The lien may be enforced by foreclosure.

**Dated: This 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005**

**By: Hilda Dijak, Frankenlust Township Supervisor**

**From the Assessor**

What happens to Principal (formerly Homestead) Exemption if the owner is deceased? If you have a parent living independently in his/her own home he/she is probably receiving the Principal Exemption for that home. If he/she dies and leaves the home to you but you don't live in it, what happens to the exemption? The short answer is that the exemption is lost. As to when the exemption actually is removed depends on when, during the tax year, the person died. If the death occurs before the first of the year the exemption should return to 0% for the next tax year. If the death occurs after the first of the year the exemption stays at 100% for that year.

So now you are the owner of another home. Wouldn't it be nice if you could get the principal exemption for both residences? Not having the exemption increases the millage rate by 18 mills for the summer bill. Yes, it would be nice, but not legal. If you do get away with it for a few years eventually it will be discovered. When it is,

the State of Michigan requires that the missing taxes for however many years are repaid with interest. Not fun for you or for the Assessor who has to advise you of that. It is your responsibility to file a withdrawal or rescind form when a transfer of property occurs that puts the current owner in a position where they are not living in that residence. The forms are available at the Township office. If you have any questions about this or other related assessing topics please call Assessor, Paul Arnold @ (989) 662-6232.

**Are you looking for a new challenge?**

**JOB  
OPENING**

We are posting a job as ZONING ADMINISTRATOR. It is a paying job and an interesting one also. If you are interested call the Township office for an application and job details. You must be 18 years old. All applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**From Mary M. Revord, Treasurer**

I would have thought spring would have been here by now, but no luck yet. I bet it will be a very hot and humid summer.

Your tax bills should arrive again in early July. Remember that due to a change in state law, one third of the county allocated operating millage will be shifted to the July 2005 tax bill, which would normally be on the December 2005 property tax bill.

Letters and deferments will also go out around the middle of July for those who are eligible. Be sure to read your letter as there may be some changes in the level of income to be eligible for a deferment. They are currently working on raising the amount.

You can pay your taxes by (1) mail, (2) drop-box located outside office entrance, or (3) in person (Tuesday or Fridays 9-4 p.m.). If you pay by mail or drop box and would like a receipt, you must enclose **a stamped, self-addressed envelope**.

**BULK WATER MACHINE** - We have been having a few problems again with the bulk water machine. We don't know if it's the weather, the bills having some bent corners or what. We replaced an outlet plug that was giving us problems and thought everything would be fine. Please bear with us as we try to get everything running smoothly again. Remember the machine will now take \$1,5,10, or 20's (new or old). We may have to cut back on the amount of gallons you are getting for your money. I will take a look at the end of this fiscal year, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Can you help in the Event of an Emergency or Disaster?**

I would like to start a list of names of those individuals who might be able to help out in the event of an emergency or a disaster. If you feel you would be able

to contribute in some way please give me your name, phone number or email address, and type of service you would be able to provide. The county is working on getting a list together and eventually the state would like to have a database list that they could use if we were to have any such events occur. You may be retired but still be able to help, we welcome all ages to respond. You may call the office, email me ([treasurer@frankenlust.com](mailto:treasurer@frankenlust.com)) or write it down and put in the mail or drop box.

## OPEN BURN PERMITS

We have recently had to revisit the topic of open burn permits. If you would like to burn you need to be aware that according to Michigan State Law, if you live within 1,400 feet of the city limits, you are not allowed to do any burning. All others can call our office at 686-5300 and request a burn permit. If the office is closed, just leave a message on our answering machine stating your name, the address where you are going to burn, what dates you are going to burn and a phone number where you can be reached. You can get a burn permit for up to 3 days. The only items that are allowed for burning are trees, logs, brush, and stumps.

## NEWS FROM THE CLERK

**The School Board Election May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Total number of voters was 194. Polls **were** open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The new M-100 tabulating system was in place.

**January meeting:** Fire Department reported that there were two applications for fire Chief: Dave Mines and Wes Riddle. Motion made and carried to appoint Dave Mines as Chief and Wes Riddle as Assistant Chief.

**Building Inspector Annual Report:** 62 new homes were permitted in 2004.

The Supervisor and Clerk were appointed to attend the Saginaw Intermunicipal Water Committee along with Townships of Tittabawassee, Kochville, Zilwaukee, Saginaw, Frankenmuth, Blumfield, Birch Run, Thomas, Buena Vista, Carrollton, Bridgeport, Taymouth, and Albee. These are all served by a line coming from Lake Huron, south down Three Mile to the Saginaw Filtration Plant. The reason for this committee is to give a fair cost of extending and improving this system.

**February:** A motion was made and carried to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to rezone the parcel of property to C-2 for Caretel Inn.

Estimates from the Bay County Road Commission to install a 36 inch culvert were received for drainage improvements to an area of Three Mile and Schwab Road, which has a continued problem of water backup. It was approved at the May meeting.

**Waste Management** presented a proposal for renewing their contract for trash and weekly recycling. Negotiations

were approved to a five year contract.

**March meeting:** Bay Area Authority had approved a resolution awarding the contract to Ross Sinclair and Associates, Inc., Nashville TN. The cost of the New Sewer Bonds interest will be 4.415544%. A motion was made and carried for the Township Board to concur with awarding contract.

A motion was made and approved to reappoint Armond Beiser, Warren Lipke and Howard Helmreich to the Board of Review for two years.

A motion made and carried to enter a contract with Charter Communications for high speed Internet hosting and Cyberteck to upgrade to XP Windows at the Supervisor and Assessor's Offices.

**April meeting:** Planning Commission: Motion made and carried to approve as recommended by the Planning Commission, The Future Land Use plan as prepared by Planning and Spicer Engineering.

A motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to reappoint Walt Eschenbacher as Chairman and Tom Woodrow as Vice Chairman to Planning Commission carried.

A motion made and carried to adopt a resolution 2005-03 and declare June 10, 2005 as Peter Boyse Day. He is retiring as President of Delta College.

Motion made and carried to adopt the Amendment to the By-Laws for the Bay Area Utility Authority. Whereas the Township of Frankenlust, Pinconning, the Charter Township of Williams, the new members of Fraser, Kawkawlin, and the Charter Township Portsmouth have adopted the amended restated articles of incorporation. The purpose is for Bonding.

A motion to hire Cyberteck Systems on a contract to maintain our Township's computer systems carried. Motion made and carried to hire Kelly Carey to build and maintain our web site.

Alvin J. Appold, Clerk

## **Annual Meeting**

Each year the Township continues with the old tradition of an annual meeting. It is the one and only time each year that you, as a citizen, are allowed to vote on Township issues. We hold the meeting for your benefit. We explain the budget before it is adopted. We answer questions on whatever subject you choose. It is your meeting. You set our salaries. If attendance does not increase we may discontinue this meeting. This year's meeting will be Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

## **Planning Commission Issues**

We are repeatedly getting complaints about water runoff on to neighboring properties. Be aware if you are adding fill to your property you must contain your water on your own property. This is a state requirement in the building code. If you are building next to an older home

which may have a much lower grade, you can not build so high that you flood out your neighbor. It will be your responsibility and expense to add tile or a ditch to keep the water on your own property.

### WEEKLY RECYCLING

Weekly Recycling began as of May 6<sup>th</sup>. The following schedule is for trash, recycling and yard waste pick up. Please note for Holidays" pick up will be the following Saturday. **All items should be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m.**

<u>July</u> 1,9*, 15,22,29	<u>June</u> 4*. 10, 17,24
<u>September</u> 2, 10*, 16,23,30	<u>August</u> 5, 12, 19,26

Please be aware that the wind blows papers and plastic very easily. Put something heavy on top of your recycling. Papers and plastic eventually wind up in our ditches and help clog them up. Styrofoam is not recyclable and is even worse than paper or plastic.

**From the Trustees:** The Caretel Nursing Home is in the process of getting permits to get started with their building in the next week or so. This is a rather large project. Watch for their progress. They will be located behind Schindler's Market. Hope you have a great summer, once it gets here.

**Ron Campbell & Norb Begick**



### A Forgotten Flag

I saw a flag the wind had tattered  
No one to care or think it mattered!  
Wind torn and faded stripes were flapping  
Pale stars upon dim blue were napping!  
I wondered if a bugle blowing, Would rouse our country to bestowing...  
Upon our flag more true devotion; And stir our hearts with real emotion! Forgotten there, so bravely  
flying A symbol worn, but never dying! A challenge! To a nation sleeping A loyal sentry, Watch is  
keeping!

- Edna R. Zunino -

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## Township Hall Hours

Monday.....8:30 - 4:00  
Tuesday.....8:30-  
4:00  
Wednesday.....  
CLOSED  
Thursday.....8:30-4:00  
Friday.....8:30-4:00  
TOWNSHIP PHONE.....(989) 686-5300  
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Have a safe and  
fun summer!!

## 2005 Township Calendar

June 1	Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
June 14	Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
June 20	Budget Mtg. 3:00 p.m.
June 30	Annual Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
July 1	Summer Tax Bill Mailed
July 4-5	CLOSED-July 4th
July 6	Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
July 12	Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 3	Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 9	Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 5-6	CLOSED - Labor Day
Sept. 7	Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m.