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# City of Fraser

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY

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## FRASER HISTORICAL COMMISSION AGENDA, JULY 7, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge to Flag
3. Approve Agenda – July7, 2025
4. Approve Minutes – June 2, 2025
5. Liaison Report
6. Unfinished Business
  - a. Fundraising
  - b. Anniversary Celebration
7. New Business
  - a. Garden Rain Date
8. Commission Reports
9. Adjourn

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Meetings held at the Depot, 18577 Masonic, Fraser, MI 48026

# Fraser Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2025 @ 7:00pm  
Depot Visitor Center

## Present:

Commissioners:, Tom Iwanicki, Nancy Ehrke, Jim Chamberlin, Marti VanEenenaam-Iwanicki, Mackenzie Lenk

Members-at-Large: Curtis Rice, Kathy Pirtle, Dori Guoin

Council Liaison: Patrice Schornak

Absent (excused): Marilyn Wright, Karen Hodges

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 pm by Vice Chair, Tom Iwanicki
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Nancy, seconded by Marti to approve the agenda.  
All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approve May 5, 2025 Minutes:** Motion by Mackenzie, seconded by Nancy to approve.  
  
All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **City Liaison Report:**
  - The holes in the driveway and approach have been patchedNew Concerns from Commission:
  - Ramp to Depot has trip hazard
  - Grass needs cutting at the Pioneer Cemetery
  - DPW to reach out to Karen re. sprinklers
6. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. June 1 Open House
    - Depot \$215+
    - Barn \$200+
    - Plant Sale \$172
    - Donation \$129
    - Basket Raffle \$21
    - T-Shirt Sales \$90
    - Gift Shop \$54.00
    - Total \$812.02 Marilyn will deposit \$738.02 in Commission Acct, Marti will deposit \$121 in 150<sup>th</sup> acct.
  - b. Adrenaline Fundraising
    - Tom and Marti were the only Commissioners that participated. Tom expressed his disappointment and stated he felt patronized that everyone voted to participate, yet no one did.
    - Online donations = \$685 with another \$1050 checks sent directly to us.
    - Another check for \$50 and nice note were sent after the email blast was sent out.
    - Total from this fundraiser (so far) \$1785.00
    - Marti emailed everyone a letter that they can modify and send to family/friends. She mailed an additional 30 letters to her personal contacts.

c. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

- Petting Zoo is confirmed and deposit made
- Food Truck is confirmed
- Donation of 4 \$25 gift cards from various restaurants was received from Continental Crane Services
- T-shirts are in and for sale for \$10 each. T-shirt design winners have received their prizes.
- Stickers have been ordered for giveaways and/or for sale in gift shop
- Working with Sue Bertolini-Fox and Vania Apps for a commemorative tile to be auctioned off
- Asked Curtis if his wife and/or granddaughter would like to offer a piece of artwork to be auctioned off.
- Working on Volunteer commitments – Fraser Beautification Club will help. Need a good contact for Boy Scout troop 1402. Jim stated he has one.

7. **New Business**

a. Field trip:

- 50 people from Eisenhower Elementary (40 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 2 teachers, 8 chaperones) joined us for a field trip on May 22. They were divided into 4 groups and then rotated sites (Garden Scavenger Hunt, Museum Tour, Exterior House/Barn tour, Somerset Park).
- Thanks to Tom, Marti, Karen, and Master Gardener Darlene for helping.
- Favorite and/or memorable things for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders included ringing the fire bell, the “creepy dolls” in the upstairs bedroom, the garden and the barn. They now call the outhouse “Shrek’s House.” Hopefully some great memories were made.
- Marti laminated some of the Scavenger Hunt sheets and will post them in a literature box on the fence at the entrance to the garden for all to enjoy.

b. Artifact Loan

- Tom read a letter from Kayla Svisco from the Lorenzo Cultural center at Macomb Community College. They are planning a Spring 2026 exhibit, **Chasing Liberty**. The exhibit will commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's founding document by exploring the stories of Michiganders' during the Revolutionary Era and asked if we had documents or stories to loan.
- While we have no artifacts, Janet C from the Fraser Historical Society did some research and found that Samantha Daniels Baumgartner’s father may have been in the Revolutionary War. Marti will contact Janet for details.

8. **Commissioner Reports**

• **Tom Iwanicki** –

○ Notes from Marilynn:

- Letter received from Scott who is wondering if we are interested in a Fraser Bank Plate. He would need us to pick it up. Commissioners questioned if this was a dinner plate, steel plate??? Tom will get details from Marilynn.
- Read a letter from Cindi Greenia whose last day is June 26. She thanked the Commission.
- Met Kristine Fitzpatrick whose great grandfather lived on the Hemme property. She has old photos and lots of stories. Tom would like to contact her and record an oral history.
- Has been going through old papers at City Hall before they are purged and saving items regarding the McKinley Airport.

- Would like to showcase some of the old flags we have as well as decorate for July with flags and buntings.
- **Marti VanEenenaam-Iwanicki**– Hat exhibit will be coming down and hopefully a wedding dress exhibit for July and August followed by Baumgartner Family and House display for September/October.
  - Reported that Karen and Darlene (Master Gardener) are working on a rain garden.
  - Marti and Karen have been in contact with a lady that is creating a book about Macomb County gardens and green spaces. She will visit with a photographer for interviews. Date to be determined.
- **Jim Chamberlin**– Still needs to order signs. Reworking the font so that they are easier to read as people are driving by.
  - Working on newsletter articles – July will be on immigration. Looking for more ideas. Deadline is the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.
- **Mackenzie Lenk** – Nothing to add
- **Nancy Ehrke**– Sent out 496 newsletters. Having a lot of trouble with her home page and email. Tom suggested finding an IT person to help her out since we rely on her and her computer for communication. Marti inquired about using MailChimp or something similar for our emails. This needs more investigation.
- **Dori Guoin**– Asked for clarification on Jim’s article. Is also concerned with kids hanging out around the property. Since this is public, city property we won’t be able to stop it. Discussion continued about engaging kids in a positive manner.
- **Kathy Pirtle** – Nothing to add
- **Curtis Rice** – Concerned with the GFCI plug on the barn. Patrice will forward to DPW
- **Patrice Schornak – City Council Liaison**– Nothing to add

9. **Adjournment:** Motion by Nancy, Seconded by Jim to adjourn. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

**Announcements:**

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| • <b>Next Meeting:</b>       | <b>Monday, July 7, 2025</b>  | <b>7pm in the Depot</b> |
| • <b>July Open House</b>     | <b>Sunday, June 13, 2025</b> | <b>1pm-4pm</b>          |
| • <b>Garden Clean Up</b>     | <b>Wednesdays</b>            | <b>6pm-9pm</b>          |
| • <b>Donation Collection</b> | <b>Wednesdays</b>            | <b>5pm-7pm</b>          |

Respectfully Submitted –  
Marti VanEenenaam-Iwanicki, Recording Secretary

PERIOD ENDING 06/30/2025

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2024-25	YTD BALANCE	ACTIVITY FOR	AVAILABLE	% BDT USED
		AMENDED BUDGET	06/30/2025 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	MONTH 06/30/2025 INCREASE (DECREASE)	BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND						
Expenditures						
Dept 803 - HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
101-803-742.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	500.00	343.42	0.00	156.58	68.68
Total Dept 803 - HISTORICAL COMMISSION		500.00	343.42	0.00	156.58	68.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		500.00	343.42	0.00	156.58	68.68
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		500.00	343.42	0.00	156.58	68.68
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(500.00)	(343.42)	0.00	(156.58)	68.68

Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND

Account	Description	2024-25 Amended Budget	YEAR-TO-DATE THRU 06/30/25	Available Balance	% Used
Expenditures					
Department 803: HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
742.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES				
07/25/2024	AP REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLEANING SUPPLIES/HIST		1023586 14.82	Inv #: '8-12-2024' Vendor 'MISC'	
07/31/2024	AP REIMBURSEMENT FOR BANNER FOR 2024 FRASER		1023587 30.99	Inv #: '7-31-2024' Vendor 'MISC'	
07/31/2024	AP JULY 2024 CREDIT CARD		1031022 39.96	Inv #: '7-31-2024' Vendor '10008'	
07/31/2024	AP JULY 2024 CREDIT CARD		1031022 69.60	Inv #: '7-31-2024' Vendor '10008'	
09/17/2024	AP REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPLIES FOR GRANT APP		1033614 30.70	Inv #: '9-17-2024' Vendor 'MISC'	
11/01/2024	AP REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRUNK OR TREAT		1042361 114.59	Inv #: '11-13-2024' Vendor 'MISC'	
11/21/2024	AP SUPPLIES FOR BAUMGARTNER CHRISTMAS OPEN		1047681 12.76	Inv #: '11-21-2024' Vendor 'WRIMAR'	
12/19/2024	AP 2025 MCHA MEMERSHIP DUES		1048660 30.00	Inv #: '12-19-2024' Vendor 'MCHA'	
742.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	500.00	343.42	156.58	68.68
Total - Dept 803		500.00	343.42	156.58	68.68
Total Expenditures		500.00	343.42	156.58	68.68
NET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES		(500.00)	(343.42)	(156.58)	

Date	JNL	Type	Description	Reference #	Debits	Credits	Balance
Fund 101 GENERAL FUND							
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-001.000 CASH</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-001.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-702.000 ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PA</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-702.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-704.000 WAGES - FULL TIME EMPLOYEES</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-704.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-712.000 OVERTIME</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-712.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-713.000 FICA</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-713.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-714.000 MEDICARE</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-714.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-718.000 LONGEVITY PAY</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-718.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-719.000 FOOD ALLOWANCE</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-719.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-724.100 HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS (EMP)</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-724.100	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-742.000 OPERATING SUPPLIES</b>		BEG. BALANCE		343.42
06/30/2025			101-803-742.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	343.42
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-791.000 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-791.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-801.000 PROFESSIONAL/CONTRACTUAL SERVI</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-801.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-850.000 COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE/CELL/INT)</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-850.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-900.000 PHOTOGRAPHY</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-900.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-930.000 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-930.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-960.000 MISCELLANEOUS</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-960.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/01/2025			<b>101-803-972.000 CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		BEG. BALANCE		0.00
06/30/2025			101-803-972.000	END BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00

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		AMENDED BUDGET		07/01/2024	MONTH 06/30/2025	THRU 06/30/25	06/30/2025				
			NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	INCREASE	(DECREASE)	INCREASE	(DECREASE)	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND											
101-000-379.000	FUND BALANCE - RESTRICTED - HISTORICAL				24,227.69		738.02		1,844.00		26,071.69

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		AMENDED BUDGET		07/01/2024	MONTH 06/30/2025	THRU 06/30/25	06/30/2025				
			NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	INCREASE	(DECREASE)	INCREASE	(DECREASE)	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND											
101-000-379.150	FUND BALANCE - RESTRICTED - 150 YR CELEB				0.00		1,106.00		2,893.89		2,893.89