

Fremont Township Minutes
April 11, 2019

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on April 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, M. Blatt, C. Sherwin and J. Welke. Absent: None
Guests: Carolyn Wymore, Cheryl Sherwin, Bill & Judy Raymond, Greg & Judy Eggert, Jennifer Leitzel, Gloria Hall, Ken Bragg, Jeffrey LoRee, Tina LoRee, Tyler Ireland, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Ida Barrons, Ron Curell, Bob DeCoe, Fran Campbell, and Jack Campbell.

MINUTES:

Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke to approve the March 14, 2019, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt - motion carried.

FRAN CAMPBELL:

Fran was here to represent the Mayville Museum. The Museum wants to hold a Cemetery Walk at the Fremont Twp. Cemetery to raise money for the museum. She stated that the tickets would be \$10 each and will be for sale around Memorial Day. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by M. Blatt to allow the Mayville Museum to use the Fremont Cemetery for a Cemetery Walk on August 3rd – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident noticed in the bills that the township hall got new internet service and he wondered which service we received. A. Holbrook stated that it is ViaSat. This Resident also asked if it is common for them to charge an installation fee and A. Holbrook stated that it is common. Another Resident who lives on Hunt Road stated that they can hardly tell where their road is because the farmer is destroying the road. H. Wymore stated that he will talk with the Road Commission about this. A Resident who is now the chairperson for the Tuscola County Democratic Party wanted to let everyone know that they are working to make sure that the Caro Center stays in Tuscola County. They are 100% supportive of it staying in Tuscola County and have sent a letter to the Governor regarding keeping the facility. He stated that Residents should not believe everything that is being said by the Republican State Representative for this area because some of what is being said is incorrect. This Resident also encouraged everyone to send their own letter to the Governor requesting that the Caro Center stay.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook received a request for AT&T requesting an extension on their Metro Act Right of Way Permit. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to extend the permit – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of March 31, 2019, was \$426,698.54. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke - motion carried. The Treasurer also gave the Board a report on how much excess money we had in the reserve account that we could transfer to the 2019/2020 budget. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to amend the 2019/2020 budget to include \$146,613.00 transferred in from the reserve account. Roll call vote: M. Blatt-yes, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

H. Wymore wanted to thank M. Blatt for stepping in for him at last months meeting.
Cemetery Report – Had one burial this month. Also the Cemetery Caretaker has started the spring clean up.

Road Report – H. Wymore has received some bids from the Road Commission on some projects in the Township. He would like to request \$1,000 to place two No Passing signs and also mark lines on North Lake Road at the curves and also to place two deer crossing signs on Brown Road. J. Welke mentioned that Brown Road is the County's responsibility to maintain and so it should be their costs to place the signs. It was also mentioned that the Road Commission needs a recommendation from the Township before they can consider the signs on Brown Road but it may not cost the township since it is the County's road. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by A. Holbrook to approve up to \$1,000 for the four signs – motion carried. H. Wymore also got an estimate from the Road Commission to do some gravel work on Wagon Road, Lobdell Road and O'Brien Road for \$24,081.00. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by M. Blatt to approve \$24,081.00 for gravel work on these roads – motion carried. H. Wymore received a bid from the Road Commission to resurface Schott Road from the Village limit to Snover Road for \$55,000.00. H. Wymore has also talked with the Village about the possibility of them being able to resurface their section of Schott Road and the Village is all for it if they can find the money to do it. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve \$55,000.00 to resurface Schott Road – motion carried. H. Wymore also commented that he received a bid to pave the parking lot at the Township Hall for \$44,000.00. This was the only bid that was received from the ad placed in the newspaper and the bid included doing the entire parking lot (front, side and back). Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to table this until we can talk with Tim Harris because the Township does not own the entire driveway – motion carried. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to not accept the bid that was received – motion carried with 4 yes and 1 no vote. H. Wymore also received a bid from the Road Commission to resurface Snover Road from Schott Road to Cat Lake Road for \$72,000.00. It was questioned as to whether this was the next best road to do and it was stated that these were the recommendations of the Road Commission. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by H. Wymore to approve \$72,000 for resurfacing Snover Road – motion not carried with 2 yes and 3 no. The Board decided to regroup for next month and see where the money would be best spent. It was also mentioned that maybe we should check into starting the process for paving the one mile on O'Brien Road that is still dirt and that we are doing gravel work on this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore mentioned that the Planning Commission had a meeting on Tuesday evening and the next Planning Commission meeting is May 21st at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

All meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at the Fremont Township Hall located at 4850 Mertz Road (M-24) at 7:00 p.m. All public is welcome to attend.

Amy Holbrook, Fremont Township Clerk.