

**Fremont Township Minutes
June 13, 2024**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: A. Prill, M. Blatt, R. Curell, C. Franzel and Kyle Thom. Absent: None.

Guests: Ryan Robinson, Katherine Robinson, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Greg Eggert, Brandon Blatt, Ken Bragg, Pete Mocerri, Gail Prill, Sally Minehart, Billy Putman, Jen Putman, Izzy Putman, Abby Putman, Gabby Putman, and Addison Putman.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell seconded by C. Franzel to approve the May 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented, by C. Franzel, seconded by A. Prill - motion carried.

RYAN ROBINSON (Candidate for Tuscola County Sheriff):

Ryan introduced himself and gave a description of his background and explained why he is running for Tuscola County Sheriff.

BILLY PUTMAN (Tuscola County Republican Chairperson):

Billy explained that there is a lot of things that we citizens need to keep an eye on. The Republican Party is working on a proposal for Citizens for Local Choice and also trying to find ways to keep money at the County if the State does away with property taxes. He also stated that while he was at the Vassar Twp. meeting their Board stated that their attorney said they could stop using the Tuscola County Advertiser since it was so expensive and just post notices on their township facebook page and website. He also stated that they are keeping an eye on the possibility of the State taking over control of residential septic tanks and requiring regular inspections at a cost.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wanted to know when the township was going to install the new cemetery signs. Another Resident comment how nice Washburn Road is now that it is complete. They stated that road has not been that smooth in 35 years.

TERRY BLACKMER (Mayville Fire Chief):

Terry stated that they have responded to 68 emergencies this year and that they have been very busy.

CLERK REPORT:

Zoning Report – In April he issued two building permits, one citation and dealt with two other complaints as well as various phone calls and emails regarding zoning permits. .

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of May 31, 2024, was \$167,944.35. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made A. Prill, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – M. Blatt stated that we need gravel at the Fremont Cemetery and the Caretaker was wondering if he could use some of the gravel left over from the hall parking lot. Board agreed that the Caretaker could take what was needed for the cemetery and we would use the remaining gravel to level the back parking lot near the new asphalt. M. Blatt also asked if we should put out for bids to have the new cemetery signs installed. R. Curell stated he has asked two people and they were not interested. A. Prill stated that she could ask the Cemetery Caretaker and Sexton to see if either of them wanted to submit a bid. The Board decided to see if either of them wanted to do the job and A. Prill said she would let the Board know what they said and their bid.

Roads – Washburn Road project is complete. Dust control was placed on the roads prior to Memorial Day. M. Blatt also wanted to know if we wanted to start the roadside mower earlier than planned. Currently we have it contracted for after July 4th but the contractor said they could start sooner. Board decided to have the contractor start around the 3rd week of June so that the roadside mowing is complete before July 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt stated that the garbage truck is tearing up the asphalt when they come to empty the dumpster and he would like to move it away from the building so they do not have to drive on the asphalt. The board agreed this was a good idea. M. Blatt also asked if we should build an enclosure so that the dumpster was not as easily accessible. The Board decided that was not necessary at this time because we have not had issues but if we start having issues we may need to look into it.

M. Blatt stated that the State Tax Commission has completed their audit (AMAR). He stated that we pass with a perfect audit. He wanted to thank the Board of Review for their hard work. He also stated that as far as he knows, this is the first time we have ever gotten a perfect audit.

Kyle Thom stated that at this time he wanted to present the Board with his verbal resignation from the Township Board Trustee and the Planning Commission. He stated that he has appreciated the opportunity to sit on these boards but that at this time for personal reasons he needs to step down. Motion made by K. Thom seconded by M. Blatt to accept Kyle Thom's resignation as a Trustee on the Twp. Board and member of the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, A. Prill-yes, C. Franzel-yes, M. Blatt-yes, K. Thom-yes. Motion carried. M. Blatt asked if we needed to appoint someone to replace K. Thom at this time. A. Prill said that we could appoint someone or wait until the election and see who fills the seat. M. Blatt asked who was running and A. Prill stated Ron Curell and Brandon Blatt. Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by R. Curell to appoint Brandon Blatt as Trustee to finish the term vacated by K. Thom. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, C. Franzel-yes, A. Prill-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-abstained. Motion carried. M. Blatt asked about filling the vacancy on the Planning Commission and A. Prill stated that we need to have a Twp. Board member on that board but since Brandon has been appointed as trustee and he is on the Planning Commission we will be ok until we can fill the vacancy.

M. Blatt stated that the Zoning Administrator would like to send the zoning violation on Blackmore Road to the attorney. All Board Members should have received an email with the details of the violation. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel to send the violation to the attorney. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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 Prill
Fremont Township Clerk.