Fremont Township Minutes December 10, 2015

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on December 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke & I. Barrons. Guests: 10

MINUTES:

The November 12, 2015, minutes were approved with one correction; change the H. Welke to J. Welke in line five of the Public Comments. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

CHRISTINE TRISCH (County Commissioner):

Stated that the County has finished the budget and it has been approved. They also have a five year plan in place. The budget and five year plan can be viewed on their website. They have also been working on the Solid Waste Management Plan which will be eventually handed out to all the municipalities for approval. Christine also talked about the upcoming MSU/4-H millage that will be on the March 2016 ballot. A Resident asked Christine about the dam at the Cass River and Christine stated that the dam is privately owned and so the county has no control over it but the owner is working on getting a grant to hopefully help pay for the repairs that are needed. Another Resident asked how much of the money given to MSU actually goes for the 4-H program. Christine said that they don't know the figures because the money is given to MSU and they are in control of it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked when the Board was going to starting talking about possibly putting the garbage pickup on the taxes. H. Wymore commented that we can put it on the ballot for the peoples vote in August 2016. Another Resident asked who would be in control of the garbage costs if it was placed on the taxes. How are they going to make sure that the cost doesn't increase all the time? C. Sherwin stated that if it was placed on the taxes that the Board would negotiate a contract and that contract would have to be renewed every few years.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$236,242.64 as of November 30, 2015. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Sold \$200 in lots last month. Also, the Caretaker has marked the lots at the North Grove Cemetery and we need to put posts up at the corners to try to square up the driveway so that vehicles are not driving on any lots. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to purchase 12 posts to mark the driveway – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Review meets on December 15th at 7 p.m. Also, H. Wymore received a letter from Barb Fowler and she is resigning from the Board of Review due to health issues. H. Wymore would like to appoint Tyler Ireland to the Board of Review. Tyler has been an alternate on the BOR. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to appoint Tyler Ireland as a member of the Board of Review. J. Welke asked if Tyler would be starting a new term or if he would be finishing Barb's term and H. Wymore said that he would just be finishing Barb's term. J. Welke commented that we would also need to appoint another alternate and H. Wymore agreed. – motion carried. J. Welke commented that we need to look into getting a semi-load of gravel at the Fremont Cemetery. He also commented that some of the footings at the cemetery look like they are not level and the headstones are starting to tip. It was mentioned that maybe we should send out letters to the owners of the lots to let them know. It was also commented that just because we inform them, we cannot make them fix the footing.

<u>BILLS</u>: Motion to pay the bills as presented, made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 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