

Fremont Township Minutes
August 9, 2018

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on August 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, M. Blatt, J. Welke and C. Sherwin. Absent: None.

Guests: Carolyn Wymore, Judy & Greg Eggert, Justin Flynn, Joan Fackler, Ida Barrons, Wayne Nelson, Pete Mocerri, Ken Bragg, Gail Prill, Bill & Judy Raymond, and Cheryl Sherwin.

MINUTES:

Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke to approve the July 12, 2018, meeting minutes as presented – motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by M. Blatt, seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Guest asked if we were looking for bids to remove 2 trees at the Cemetery because he noticed in last months minutes that we had not received a bid yet. H. Wymore stated that our Cemetery Caretaker takes care of that for us. A Resident stated that Tuesday's election went really well and we had a great turnout with about 300 more voters than the last Governor primary. Another Resident asked what the results were on the liquor sales proposal that was on the ballot and A. Holbrook stated that it passed. A Resident asked if we knew what percentage of turnout that we had and A. Holbrook stated that it was around 30%.

CLERK REPORT:

The Clerk stated that she received a response back from the attorney and He said that we could change the wording on the Cost Recovery Ordinance to specify residential and commercial properties. J. Welke asked if we should include something regarding utilities. A. Holbrook stated that we could include that as A1 and that utilities get charged the actual cost of the fire run. C. Sherwin asked about section 2B regarding the jaws of life run and that he thinks it should specify that it is for Fremont Township Residents only. H. Wymore asked how many we had in a year and J. Welke stated only about 3-4. It was mentioned that we could just add on Section 2B and 2D that it is for Fremont Township Residents only. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to adopted that ordinance with the discussed changes – motion carried.

Insurance – We need to approve the renewal of the insurance. It is cheaper than what we paid last year.

Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to renew the insurance – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$444,363.69 as of July 31, 2018. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke seconded by A. Holbrook – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Cremation Cemetery has been laid out, H. Wymore would just like to purchase some flags and flagpoles.

Roads – Roadside mowing has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore stated that Republic has missed some houses for garbage collection but he has notified them. H. Wymore stated that it seems to happen when they have a relief driver.

H. Wymore stated that A. Holbrook would like approval from the Board to purchase an electronic voting machine. A. Holbrook stated that the cost would be around \$3,500.00 and that we had 100 people use the one that we currently have but we would have had more people use the electronic device if there had not

been a line. M. Blatt asked if we would get a discount if we ordered more than one and A. Holbrook stated that she was not sure but she would be happy to have just one more. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to authorize the Clerk to spend up to \$3,500.00 to purchase an additional electronic voting machine – motion carried.

Blackmore Road Bridge (Evergreen Creek) – H. Wymore has met with the DEQ and the Road Commission. The DEQ wants to have the brush cleared away before they will approve the permit and the Road Commission Board stated that once the brush is removed they may help with some of the financing of the project. H. Wymore stated that he had talked to five different companies and only received one sealed bid for the brush removal. The bid received was from Flynn's Tree Service and was for \$16,000.00. C. Sherwin asked if the County Drain Commission would take any responsibility for the problems we are having since they have four county drains draining into Evergreen Creek. H. Wymore stated that he has tried to meet with the Drain Commission but has not been able to get an appointment with him and when H. Wymore showed up at the office to talk with the Drain Commissioner he was told that he was too busy. It was questioned as to where we would get the funding for this project and H. Wymore stated that the brush removal could be paid for out of the road budget. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to accept the bid from Flynn's Tree Service for \$16,000.00 – motion carried.

H. Wymore handed out information to the Board that he received from the County that showed that the Township had excess money that needed to be spent and H. Wymore stated that if that was the case we could do more roadwork. C. Sherwin questioned as to where this money was and H. Wymore stated that he was confused about it and that he talked with someone from ATBD but would like to have the auditor come and explain it to us. A. Holbrook stated that she would contact the auditor and see if she could schedule for them to be at our next board meeting if the audit has been completed. It was mentioned that the report received from the County was from the audit from March 31, 2016.

J. Welke asked if they had sprayed on Chambers Road yet because if they did, it did not work. J. Welke also asked if they have completed the work on Schott Road and H. Wymore stated that he was not sure. H. Wymore stated that they should be doing a base layer and then some gravel.

J. Welke asked the Cemetery Sexton if he had set the headstone that was discussed at the last meeting and he stated that he will be doing that on Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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.