Fremont Township Minutes July 14, 2016

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 9, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke & I. Barrons. Guests: 25

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the June 9, 2016 minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

BILLS:

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

MIKE TUCKEY (Road Commission Representative):

He attended the meeting to hand out information regarding the upcoming primary road millage renewal and the local bridge millage renewal that will be on the August 2nd ballot.

SENATOR MIKE GREEN:

Senator Green discussed the questions regarding medical marijuana. He provided some information on how many plants a licensed grower/caregiver can have. He also stated that the law that was passed by the people in 2008 explains what is legally allowed regarding medical marijuana. He stated that the township cannot limit the number of caregivers per mile and that no township ordinance can override the state law. He stated that the only way to change the current law is to pass legislation with a ³/₄ approval in both the House and the Senate and for it to be signed by the Govenor. They are currently working on legislation but it is not close to being passed at this time. A Resident asked if we know how many growers are in any area and it was commented that information on caregivers is not part of the Freedom of Information Act. Senator Green mentioned that there was more information regarding medical marijuana on the State's website under LARA.

KIM VAUGHN:

Kim explained that he is running for County Commissioner for this district and he explained about his background and how he has decided to run for office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked what the regulations were for putting permanent signs up in a property owners yard. This Resident wondered if the sign needed to be on the actual property or if you could place a sign on a relatives property. H. Wymore stated that this resident would need to contact the Zoning Administrator to find out what the ordinance allows. John Sauber who is running for County Commissioner in this district explained why he was running for office and also gave some of his background.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk stated that the annual audit was started on Wednesday and so far everything is good.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$249,664.69 as of June 30, 2016. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore received a call today that there was a tree down at the Fremont Cemetery. The caretaker was contacted and will clean up the tree.

Road Report – roadside mowing has started. H. Wymore has called Kappen Tree Service to get an estimate on the removal of the dead trees on Blackmore Road between Leix and Washburn. Kappen said they would remove the dead trees for \$6,500. H. Wymore asked the Board members to drive down that section of road and look at it so we can discuss it at next months meeting. H. Wymore also brought up the possibility of abandoning part of Snover Road between Lobdell and Schott. J. Welke stated that he has driven down that road a couple times recently and he is not sure how we can abandon that road. A Resident asked if the road would be totally closed so it was unpassable and H. Wymore stated that it would not be totally closed it would just be posted that it is a non-maintained road. The Board decided to not do anything about this section of road at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore met with Thumb Electric about the possibility of lighting the driveway. Thumb Electric stated that they could put a dusk to dawn LED light on the pole near the driveway and the cost would be \$10.52 per month. It would be a one year contract and if for some reason the Board is not satisfied we do not have to renew the contract. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approved the one-year contract with Thumb Electric – motion carried.

Tire collection will be August 10th from 9am-3pm or until the trailer is full.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 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