

**Fremont Township Minutes  
October 12, 2023**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on October 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: Gail Prill, Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Tina Smith, Greg Eggert, Brandon Blatt, Terry Blackmer, Ken Bragg, Pete Mocerri, Joanna Samuelson, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Laura Boyke-Hawes, Walter Lubeckyj, and Ann Lubeckyj.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by R. Curell seconded by C. Franzel to approve the September 14, 2023, meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

**BILLS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kim Vaughan (County Commissioner) stated that the State is looking at taking over control of Solar Wind. This would make it so that Township's would not have any control over them. He stated that the State is also discussing making a constitutional amendment to take away property taxes. He stated that on the surface this sounds good but when you look into it, it is not. He stated that they would increase sales tax, libraries would be funded by donations, they would continue giving funding to the County but there are no provisions for funding for the Townships. Someone asked how the State would fund the Schools because that is done through property taxes and Vaughan stated that he does not know at this time; they are still working on the details.

**ANNE & WALT LUBECKYJ (regarding blight on Brown Road):**

Anne stated that the blight has been cleaned up and they are all good.

**CLERK REPORT:**

A. Holbrook gave the Board the report from the Zoning Administrator. He issued no citations or permits but did respond to a complaint on Waterman Road for a construction project without a permit. He also received phone calls regarding solar farms, zoning district verification and a title company requesting information on a property and if it had any violations.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance as of September 30, 2023, was \$640,592.42. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery Report – M. Blatt stated that he talked with our current Caretaker because his contract is up in April. The Caretaker would be interested in extending his contract, but he would be looking for an increase. M. Blatt stated that he asked him to get some numbers together for the Board. There is one more tree to be taken down at the Cemetery but that should be done within the next few weeks.

Road Report – M. Blatt stated that all roadwork is done for this year. He stated that the County will be working on Leix Road from Blackmore to Saginaw Road. Starting next week there will be some road closures on that stretch of road.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Hall Parking Lot – M. Blatt stated that they have started putting the asphalt on the parking lot and will finish the final topcoat on Friday so he asked that people please try not to drive on it for the next few days.

M. Blatt also stated that Kim Vaughan (County Commissioner) is asking the townships to vote on whether or not they want the County to pass an ordinance to protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and also Pro-Life Protection for Tuscola County. Vaughan stated that if enough townships show their support that the County will pass the ordinances. K. Thom stated that he thinks that our township leans heavily towards favoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment and so he sees no reason why we should not support the County in passing this ordinance. K. Thom also stated that at the last election the voters in our township showed their favor towards pro-life and so he thinks we should also recommend the County pass that ordinance as well. R. Curell stated that he feels it is sad that we have to protect our United States Constitution, but it is something that has to be done.

Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to support Tuscola County in passing an ordinance to protect our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, M. Blatt-yes, R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to support Tuscola County in passing an ordinance for Pro-Life Protection. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Township Audit – A. Holbrook stated that the audit has been completed for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. M. Blatt asked if the auditors were coming to give us an overview of the audit and A. Holbrook stated that we could request that. M. Blatt thinks it would be a good idea so A. Holbrook will see if they can attend our next board meeting.

Fire Assessment – It was questioned as to whether we would discuss this tonight since we tabled it last month. A. Holbrook stated that she had talked with the Attorney about the fire assessment and if we want to increase the flat rate, we will have to have a public hearing but if we wanted it to be millage based it would have to go on a ballot. If we waited to put it on a ballot, we would not have that decision before our next budget is due. The Board decided to have the attorney write up the necessary notices so that we can send out a notice of the public hearing with the tax bills. A. Holbrook will talk with the Attorney and have more information at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 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.