

Fremont Township Minutes
February 14, 2019

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on February 14, 2019, 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: Gail Prill, Carolyn Wymore, Cheryl Sherwin, Boyd Volleweiler, Greg & Judy Eggert, Pete Mocer, Ida Barrons, Jennifer Leitzel, Ken Bragg, and Wayne Nelson.

MINUTES:

Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke to approve the January 10, 2019, meeting minutes as presented - motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked if we get any sort of credit from the garbage pickup for the weeks that they did not pick up the garbage. This Resident stated that when they paid for their own garbage pickup they were able to get a credit when it was not picked up. H. Wymore stated that we can look into it but since the one week the Governor called for a state of emergency we will probably not be able to get a credit for that week. Another Resident asked if we were paying the Road Commission in advance and A. Holbrook stated that the bill that was paid this month to them was for work that was done in 2018. This Resident also asked if we were planning on using the Hall as a storm shelter if there was a limit on how many people could be in the building. C. Sherwin stated that the allowed capacity for a building is set by the fire marshal. H. Wymore stated that if the building is used for an emergency it would be done under the control of the Red Cross and so at that point they would be take over and in charge of how many people are in the building.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook mentioned that she received an email from DTE stating that they will be doing some tree trimming in the township. She placed the information on the back table if anyone is interested. This information includes a map of the locations they will be working.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of December 31, 2018, was \$423,784.94. Motion to accept the January treasurer report made by H. Wymore, seconded by M. Blatt - motion carried. The balance as of January 31, 2019, was \$402,225.72. Motion made to accept the February treasurer report made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welk - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Not much going on at the cemetery right now. No burials this month.

Road Report – H. Wymore met with the Road Commission and they will be getting us bids for black top but they stated that it will be higher than last year. They also stated that the cost for dust control will be about \$400 to \$500 more this year than it was last year. H. Wymore only received one bid for roadside mowing. There were two options on the bid; one for \$10,000 for just mowing the grass only and one for \$18,000 for grass and brush mowing. J. Welke stated that he thinks we should go for the grass and brush mowing so that we can do as much as we can right now to clean it up and then do just mowing next year and see how that goes. It was also mentioned that once it is cleaned up it will give us a better idea of what needs to be done on the roadsides for tree removal. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to accept Thumb Complete Home Repair's bid for \$18,000 for grass and brush mowing - motion carried. H. Wymore did ask that they give us a couple weeks notice prior to mowing so that we can place an ad in the paper to inform the residents. It was questioned as to when we would want the mowing done and J. Welke stated he would like to see it done the last week of July or the first week of August.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore received a letter from the State of Michigan stating that they recently conducted an Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) and the Township passed with no problems to correct.

H. Wymore also wanted to mention that the blight problem on Waterman Road that was mentioned at last months meeting has been addressed. They have spoken to the Bank that owns the property and were assured by the Bank that as soon as they take ownership they will get it cleaned up.

Generator bids – H. Wymore received four bids. As the Board was reviewing the bids C. Sherwin asked if anyone had come into the hall to do a load study. He feels that the generators that were quoted were more KW than we needed. H. Wymore stated each company came into the hall and looked at the fuse box. M. Blatt wondered if there was big difference in price from the 16KW and the 22KW generators and it was mentioned that the difference is about \$500. After reviewing the bids J. Welke stated that he thought we should go with either Affordable Electric or Thumb Heating & Cooling's bid. M. Blatt asked if either of those companies were in the township and they are not. It was also mentioned that the generator that is quoted will not run the emergency siren so there would be extra cost to make sure that the siren was not connected to the generator. C. Sherwin stated that we could install a latching relay which would cut the electricity to the siren if the power went out and then would need to be manually turned back on when the power returned. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to not accept the bids from the other three companies - motion carried. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to accept the bid from Affordable Electric subject to conditions on what the cost will be for the latching relay - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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 Holbrook, Fremont Township Clerk.