Fremont Township Minutes July 9, 2020

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: Henry Wymore, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Greg Eggert, Gail Prill, Ken Bragg, Jen Miller and Cheryl Sherwin

MINUTES:

Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell to approve the June 11, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented motion carried.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked if we were able to get the emergency siren fixed. J. Welke stated that it is not fixed yet but the electrician has the instruction book for programming but the electrician is on vacation this week.

CLERK REPORT:

August 4th election is coming up. We have sent out over 400 absentee ballots as of today.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of May 31, 2020, was \$221,038.04. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried. Treasurer balance as of June 30, 2020, was \$198,359.63. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt - motion carried. M. Blatt asked C. Sherwin about the possible drop in state funding because that question was asked at last month's meeting. C. Sherwin stated that we recently received a payment and it was about \$3,000.00 lower than the estimated amount.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Zach Stone is taking over the current Cemetery Caretaker contract. Zach Stone is interested in possibly taking over the Sexton position also but the current Sexton is going to continue taking care of burials at this time. Henry Wymore mentioned that there is a lot of work to the sexton job and not just digging the graves. He stated that there is a lot to learn and our current Sexton has been doing a good job and there would be a learning curve if someone else took over the job.

Road Report – M. Blatt has received complaints today about when they will start doing the roadside mowing. He talked with someone from Thumb Complete Home Repair and was told that they are waiting for new blades and then will get started and it should only take 36 hours. We received a price of \$6,800.00 from the Road Commission for gravel patching.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new owner of the Acoustical Arts building has been in contact with the Zoning Administrator and they want to know what they can and cannot do at the building. They would like to possibly have a hemp processing plant or maybe a retail store front. They are working with the Zoning Administrator and will possibly have to go to the Planning Commission. As of right now we do not know what they will be doing with the building. M. Blatt has been in correspondence with the Township Attorney and was told that hemp is regulated by the State Department of Agriculture.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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.