

**Fremont Township Minutes
December 12, 2019**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on December 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, and R. Curell. Absent: J. Welke

Guests: Gail Prill, Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Wayne Nelson, Greg & Judy Eggert, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Bill & Judy Raymond, Jennifer Leitzel, Ken Bragg, Ida Barrons, Cheryl Sherwin.

MINUTES:

M. Blatt mentioned that we should have stated in the November minutes under Bills that we voided check number 13853 for \$92.06 for John Welke since he was absent from the meeting. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by M. Blatt to approve the November 14, 2019, regular meeting minutes with the stated correction - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills, except check number 13864 for \$92.06 for John Welke since he is absent, made by M. Blatt, seconded by C. Sherwin - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook mentioned that she will need some election workers for the 2020 elections (March, August & November) and that if anyone is interested to please let her know and she will get them an application. It was asked what was required to be a worker and A. Holbrook stated that you need to be a registered voter and would need to take a class which usually last about two hours. It was also asked what election we have in March and A. Holbrook stated that it is the Presidential Primary.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of November 30, 2019, was \$359,055.78. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by M. Blatt - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Road Report – M. Blatt met with the Road Commission regarding the proposed roadwork for next year on Washburn Road. He stated that we would not have enough in the budget to do all three miles but we should be able to do two miles and the Road Commission said that they might give us the \$25,000 matching funds if we do the two miles but they definitely would not if we only did one mile. M. Blatt also stated that the Road Commission is changing how the matching funds works and there will be different stipulations which we should get more information about after the first of the year. M. Blatt stated that the Road Commission wants the work request turned in by January 1st. M. Blatt has not gotten a price on the ditching but should have one the first of the year. C. Sherwin stated that maybe we should look into doing maintenance on the roads so that we can extend the life of them and not have the big expense of resurfacing one mile each year. He also mentioned that we do not have enough money in the budget to keep up with all the roads that we have and that we may need to look into doing a road mileage to help with the increasing road expenses. It was mentioned that just because we turn in the work request doesn't mean that we have to do that project; if we don't have enough money in the budget then we will not do that project. M. Blatt will turn in the work request for Washburn and see if the Road Commission gives us the matching funds. M. Blatt also stated that we would get the \$2,500 matching funds if we do roadside spraying. It was mentioned that roadside mowing would be more environmentally friendly but it was also mentioned that we have not been able to find someone to do the roadside mowing correctly.

Cemetery Report – Had one burial this month. The Cemetery Caretaker mentioned that there are 4-5 trees at the North Grove Cemetery that should be taken down because they are rotted and will fall down. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by M. Blatt to have the Caretaker remove the trees at his convenience and weather permitting – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt mentioned that there are four Board of Review members that would like to attend the MTA Board of Review Training. A. Holbrook stated that she would get them signed up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 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.