

Fremont Township Minutes
March 8, 2018

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, M. Blatt, A. Holbrook and J. Welke. Absent: None
Guests: Carolyn Wymore, Cheryl Sherwin, Bill & Judy Raymond, Kim Vaughan, Ken Bragg, Ida Barrons, Robert Hiiter, Gail Prill, and Wayne Nelson.

MINUTES:

Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke to approve the February 8, 2018, meeting minutes as presented – motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by J. Welke seconded by M. Blatt – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that back in November it was discussed about possibly compensating the Treasurer for extra work that was done regarding the tax roll and it was decided at that meeting to table the discussion. At the December meeting it was brought up again and this time it was discussed about possibly doing a pay increase for the Treasurer instead of the compensation and that it would be discussed when we talk about the next budget. Then at last months meeting we discussed the budget and the compensation or raise was not discussed. This Resident wants to know when we are going to discuss this topic and stop sweeping it under the rug. J. Welke asked if it would be discussed when we approve the budget and A. Holbrook stated that it was not included in the proposed budget. H. Wymore stated that we could discuss this again under new business later in the meeting. Another Resident stated that in the budget hearing minutes from last month it states that there was an increased amount budgeted for the Planning Commission salary and he wondered if the Planning Commission was getting a pay raise. A. Holbrook stated that we budgeted extra money in the Planning Commission budget to accommodate them meeting once per month to work on the Master Plan instead of meeting just once per quarter.

CLERK REPORT:

Budget Amendments: The Board members were given a list of necessary amendments for the current 2017/2018 budget. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the amendments as listed – motion carried.

Budget: Motion made by J. Welke seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the 2018/2019 budget as presented – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$324,279.03 as of February 28, 2018. Motion to accept treasurer report made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Transferred 2 cemetery lots for residents who owned lots at North Grove but wanted to have lots in the Fremont Cemetery. Received a bid from the Cemetery Caretaker for removing a large tree for \$400 and also for removing 10 stumps for \$850 at the Fremont Cemetery. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the bid – motion carried. H. Wymore also will be mailing in the membership fee to be part of the Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries. He stated that they will have a seminar in August and wondered if a board member would like to attend. He stated that they will be discussing cemetery ordinances, procedures and policies along with other information.

Road Report – H. Wymore turned in the request for a price on the roadwork for Blackmore Road but has not received the bid yet. .

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore received a fireworks permit request from Krystal Lake Campground. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the fireworks permit – motion carried.

Fire Contract – Robert Hiiter was present at the meeting representing the Mayville Fire Department. He had a copy of the proposed contract and would answer any questions the Board may have. J. Welke stated that the contract presented would be a fair contract with the 2% increase each year for the next three years however he would not be voting on it. It was questioned as to whether or not we had received an updated contract and A. Holbrook stated that we had not. C. Sherwin made a motion to table the discussion of the fire contract until we can get an updated contract; there was no second to the motion so the motion died on the table. M. Blatt asked Robert Hiiter how much of the contract amount goes to the fire department and Robert stated that the money goes in the general fund but the fire department has a budget and so that money goes towards their budget and gets used for the fire department. H. Wymore stated that the current rate of inflation was 1.021% for 2018. C. Sherwin asked Robert Hiiter if he was authorized to negotiate the contract and Robert stated no. C. Sherwin stated that he feels the yearly increase is too high and that #4 needs to be removed. J. Welke had to leave the meeting at this time (7:22 pm). C. Sherwin suggested that the contract be amended to increase only by the cost of inflation and to remove #4. Robert Hiiter stated that the fire department could not run with just the cost of inflation. A Resident asked if we had to contract with the Mayville Fire Department and C. Sherwin stated that we did not and in fact we do not have to have a contract with any fire department or police department. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the contract with amendments as follows: remove #4 and change the rate of increase to be the rate of inflation per year for the next 3 years. H. Wymore stated that if we are removing #4 maybe we should put the rate of increase at 1.5% per year. M. Blatt rescinded his motion. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the fire contract with the following amendments: remove #4 and change the rate of increase to be 1.5% per year for the next 3 years. Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, M. Blatt-yes, H. Wymore-yes. Motion carried. Robert Hiiter asked what the township will do as of April 1st if the Village does not approve the amended contract. It was decided that the Board would discuss that when/if that happens.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 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