Fremont Township Minutes August 11, 2022

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on August 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: A. Holbrook, R. Curell, M. Blatt, and C. Franzel.. Absent: K. Thom..

Guests: Ken Bragg, Jennifer Leitzel, Greg Eggert, Travis Harbin, Brandon Blatt, Nadeya Blatt, Kim Vaughan, Tina Brown, Lee Brown, Jack Taylor, Earl Bailey, Vickie Bailey, Ed Hodgkinson, Denise Hodgkinson, Nick Osentoski, Gail Prill and Ida Barrons.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the July 14, 2022, meeting minutes with the correction that it was Jack Campbell that headed up the staining of the bridge at the cemetery and Henry Wymore was just there to help - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented expect check 14756 for Kyle Thom, made by A. Holbrook, seconded by C. Franzel- motion carried.

TURNER TECHNICAL:

A Representative from Turner Technical was there to answer any questions the Board might have regarding the proposed new phone system. M. Blatt asked if they would put in a new phone system and the Representative stated that the system will run through the internet. He stated that it would take about three weeks to get it all setup. He also stated that they would port over our current phone number so there would be no number change. M. Blatt asked if our internet would be able to handle it and the Representative said yes. M. Blatt also asked about a contract and the Representative said there is no contract. After the initial setup the cost will be \$19.99 per user. A. Holbrook asked if we would be able to setup an extension for the Zoning Administrator and Assessor so people who call in could be forwarded right to them and the Representative said that we could but it would be an additional user charge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Travis Harbin with the Mayville Athletics explained that he wants to do a raffle in order to raise money for the baseball program but the State is requiring them to get Township approval to hold the raffle. Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by R. Curell to approve the raffle – motion carried.

KIM VAUGHAN (County Commissioner):

Vaughan let the Board know that he has been getting messages from a Resident of Fremont Township that is having trouble with their neighbor. They think the neighbor has too many cows on their property for the acreage that they have. They also stated that there is blight everywhere on the property. M. Blatt stated that he would check it out and get with the Zoning Administrator on it.

Vaughan also stated that the County is using some of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help out local organizations.

Vaughan also stated that there will be two new commissioners in January since two current commissioners were voted out during the August primary.

MAYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayville Fire Department stopped by on their way back from a fire. They wanted to thank everyone for the purchase of the new breathing machines. They also wanted to show us the machines and what our money had purchased.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook gave the Board the report from the Zoning Administrator. He issued no citations or violations and three permits.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of July 31, 2022, was \$647,083.58. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Road Report – Roadside mowing is complete. M. Blatt stated that he had some complaints but the complaints were from residents that were on township border roads which Fremont Township did not have jurisdiction. When a road falls on the border of two townships the road is broken up into sections and each township will have jurisdiction on a specific mile of that road. If that portion of the road is not in the townships jurisdiction the township cannot legally mow the roadside. M. Blatt also stated that the Road Commission told him that we used less gallons of brush spray this year and it is because we are keeping up on the brush spraying every year. M. Blatt stated that the wedging is done on Snover Road and the chip & seal projects should begin in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt asked if the Board wanted to move forward with the new phone system. He stated that he thinks it is a good idea. A. Holbrook stated that she thinks it is a good option and it is quite a bit cheaper than our current phone service. Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the new phone system with up to six users – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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.