

Fremont Township Minutes
February 12, 2015

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on February 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke & I. Barrons.

Guests: 8

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the January 8, 2015, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

BILL BUSHOW (Tuscola County EDC):

Bill began his presentation by showing a video about the EDC and what they have done to help the community and the different ways that they can help businesses. After the video he explained the reason for the proposed millage and what the money would be used for.

LYLE FRYERS (Township Zoning Administrator):

Lyle gave the board members a list of the permits that were issued in 2014 and the different complaints and violations that were taken care of.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that the siren pole is crooked and needs to be straightened. H. Wymore stated that he hadn't noticed the pole was crooked but he would have to get ahold of Thumb Electric to have them correct the problem. Another Resident commented about the trouble they have had with their garbage pickup and that it seems to be getting better. They also wanted to know why the convertor that was purchased will not work with the siren that is installed. C. Sherwin explained that the convertor has to be turned on manually and will not work with the automated phone system. This Resident also asked where the money was coming from to pay for the siren and they were told that it is coming out of the contingency fund. C. Sherwin stated that this first siren is just a start and hopefully in the future we will be able to have enough sirens to cover the whole township.

CLERK REPORT:

Cemetery Caretaker Contract is up for renewal. Wayne stated that he is happy with the current contract and would be willing to extend it for another 3 years. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to approve the Cemetery Caretaker Contract at the same rate for another 3 years – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$226,042.74 as of January 31, 2015. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried. C. Sherwin also stated that he has received the bill from the Drain Commission for the Drains at Large and this bill will have to be paid before the next township meeting. He would like approval to pay \$5,572.82 for the Drains at Large. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to pay the Drains at Large – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Have had one burial this week and the headstone was placed in the wrong place by a previous sexton and so it will have to be moved by our current sexton this spring.

Road Report – Received an estimate for resurfacing the oldest road which is North Lake Road from Wagon to Saginaw and is .59 miles. The cost is \$45,000. Also received an estimate for gravel work to be

done on Hunt Road from Wireline to M24 at a cost of \$12,200. H. Wymore will ask the Road Commission for bids on both of these. H. Wymore has also asked Roadside mowing for an estimate. Garbage Pickup – H. Wymore has gotten a list of what information would be needed in order to bids for garbage pickup. This would need to be done prior to putting the question of garbage pickup on a ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Review times are March 9th from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm and March 13th from 2pm to 5pm and 6pm to 9pm.

H. Wymore received information from DTE stating that they will be doing tree trimming and removal on Snover Road from M24 to Washburn Road. They will start marking trees within the next few weeks.

H. Wymore also received a notice from the Township Assessor letting the board know that they have agreed to a settlement with the Mayville Lanes regarding the tax appeal.

The Tuscola County Drain Commissioner has requested to be on the March agenda to discuss possible upcoming projects. He would also like to possible use the Township Hall for a public hearing regarding the projects.

H. Wymore received a letter from Gary Howell stating that the Township can require land owners to pull a permit when they are going to tile a field. A copy of the letter was given to the Planning Commission Chairperson so that the Planning Commission can look it over and give their recommendation to the Township Board.

Tuscola EDC has sent a letter to the Board requesting \$650 – this will be discussed at next month's meeting.

H. Wymore mentioned that the Treasurer has not had a pay increase since the Township took over processing the summer taxes. He thinks that the Treasurer should receive the same 10% increase that was given to the other Board members last year. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by A. Holbrook to increase the Treasurer's salary by 10%. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-no, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-abstained – motion carried.

BILLS:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 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