

Fremont Township Minutes August 14, 2025

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on August 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, A. Prill, R. Curell, C. Franzel and B. Blatt. Absent: None.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Aimee Powers, Ken Bragg, Jerry White, Joe Mellendorf, Gene Suoppi, Lloyd Muncy, Michael Kelley, Josh W, and Donald Clinesmith.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell seconded by C. Franzel to approve the July 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented – motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Franzel, seconded by B. Blatt - motion carried.

BRIAN GARNER (Township Attorney):

Brian explained that we needed to clarify some information regarding our land division ordinance. First we need to decide if when a split is made there is a parent parcel or no parent parcel. The parent parcel would be able to be split within ten years but if there is no parent parcel than no more splits would be allowed on that property for ten years according to the land division act. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by B. Blatt to interpret the ordinance and statute as allowing parent parcels. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, A. Prill-yes, M. Blatt-yes, B. Blatt-yes, and R. Curell-yes. Motion carried. The Assessor also updated the Township's Land Division Application which needs to be approved by the Board. Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to approve the updated Land Division Application. Roll call vote; C. Franzel-yes, A. Prill-yes, M. Blatt-yes, B. Blatt-yes, and R. Curell-yes. Motion carried. The Attorney also stated that we need to make some amendments to our land division ordinance to remove some non-applicable sections and add information regarding an appeals process. The Attorney gave the Board a copy of the proposed updated ordinance and the Board decided to table this until next month so that they can review the ordinance.

Brian also gave the Board an update on the two enforcement matters that are still being processed through the court system.

Jerry White (Zoning Administrator) gave the Board an update on a possible unregistered vehicle issue and he had some questions for the Attorney regarding enforcement.

At 7:33pm the board took a break from their regular board meeting in order to start the Public Hearing regarding the Fire Assessment.

FIRE ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING:

Called to order at 7:34 pm, and M. Blatt gave a brief history of the fire assessment and opened up the meeting for public comments. It was question as to when this new charge of \$32.50 would begin and it will be posted to the winter taxes. Another Resident asked what the fee is if the fire department had to come out and M. Blatt explained that because of the fire assessment there would not be a charge to the property owner unless the property owner was burning brush without a burn permit. This Resident was curious what the normal charge is for a fire run and A. Prill stated that prior to this contract if the fire department was called out the charge was \$750 and then \$200 for each additional hour. A. Prill stated that she did receive one phone call from a resident that was not for the fire assessment. Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by B. Blatt to approve the Resolution Re-Determining the Special Assessment Roll for Fire Protection as presented. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, B. Blatt-yes, A. Prill-yes, C. Franzel-yes, and M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

At 7:47 pm, M. Blatt reopened the regular board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident questioned the Attorney regarding the reason for removing a section in the land division ordinance and the Attorney stated that section I and J are no longer relevant because our Zoning Ordinance does not allow parcels to be smaller than one acre.

CLERK REPORT:

Zoning Report - In July he issued no citations and one permit. He also looked into a new complaint which was resolved and is continuing to work on a complaint on Brown Road.

November 4th election – there will be a special election in November for the Mayville School District.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of July 31, 2025, was \$319,623.95. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by A. Prill, seconded by B. Blatt - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – The caretaker finished removal the last approved tree at the Fremont Twp. Cemetery. Also the Sexton was able to re-set the headstone that was knocked over by the storm. H. Wymore stated that there are several historical marker stones that need to be re-set or leveled and he wondered if the Board would approve some money for this. M. Blatt asked if H. Wymore if he could mark the ones that he is talking about so that the Board can take a look.

Road Report – M. Blatt stated that the roadside mowing has been completed, as well as the brush spraying.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt stated that he has asked the Road Commission to give us a quote for fixing Phelps Lake Road between Schott & Cat Lake. Matt stated that the water over the road is starting to affect the new asphalt on Schott Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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 Prill
Fremont Township Clerk.