Fremont Township Minutes January 10, 2019

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on January 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, M. Blatt, and J. Welke. Absent: C. Sherwin . Guests: Carolyn Wymore, Boyd Volleweiler, Judy & Greg Eggert, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Kenneth Miller, Ken Bragg, Ida Barrons, Pete Moceri, Tyler Ireland, David Radka, and Bill & Judy Raymond.

MINUTES:

Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke to approve the December 13, 2018, meeting minutes as presented – motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented. including check #13582 to Tuscola County Advertiser for \$148.50, made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt – motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked about the FOIA (Freedom of Information Request) that was received regarding the 2016 November election. A. Holbrook stated that she had sent them a cost estimation requesting a 50% deposit prior to processing the request with final payment due prior to shipping out the requested information and have not heard back from them.

CLERK REPORT:

Budget Hearing - Clerk stated that we need to schedule the budget hearing. The Board decided to hold the hearing immediately following the February 14th regular board meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: No treasurer report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – It has been brought to the attention of the Cemetery Caretaker that the North Grove Cemetery fence is one foot over on the neighbor's property. The Caretakers were putting the brush and leaves on that fence line so they will not be able to do that anymore. We will have to find somewhere else to put the brush and leaves.

Road Report – H. Wymore went to the Road Commission about getting some financial help for fixing Evergreen Creek by Blackmore Road. The Road Commission turned it over to the new engineers and so we are waiting another month to see what they decide. H. Wymore asked the Board if we should put out an ad for roadside mowing. J. Welke asked how far we wanted them to mow and it was mentioned that the old contract was for five feet but it was never done that far. J. Welke would like it to be ten feet or to the bottom of the ditch. It was also mentioned that whoever does the roadside mowing will not get paid until the Board approves the work. It was also mentioned that maybe we should run an ad for brush mowing. The Board decided to run an ad for roadside mowing and then once the budget for next year is finished we can run an ad for brush mowing.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday and set the meetings for 2019. They will meet April 9th, July 9th and October 8th. The Planning Commission also received a draft of the Master Plan and hopefully we will be having a public hearing soon to review the proposed plan.

H. Wymore has received 2 bids for a generator for the Hall. He stated that the cost will depend on whether or not we want the generator to run the emergency siren or not. J. Welke stated that he had some questions regarding the bill. M. Blatt and J. Welke wanted to table this discussion until next month so they could get

more information and maybe have someone from the two companies that submitted the bids at the next board meeting to answer questions.

A Resident asked which road would be the next to be blacktopped because Waterman is the oldest road. It was mentioned that any gravel road that would be blacktopped would have to be surveyed first and this Resident stated that Waterman Road was surveyed several years ago. It was also mentioned that the survey may not be any good if it has been too many years. H. Wymore stated that blacktopping a gravel road is usually a 4-5 year process because of the costs. We will not know what roads will be done this year until we know how much money we will have in the budget for roadwork.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 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.