Fremont Township Minutes November 28, 2011

The special meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees to appoint a Township Treasurer was held on November 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, I. Barrons and J. Welke. Guests: 12

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the November 10, 2011 minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by A. Holbrook – motion carried.

H. Wymore stated that the purpose of this meeting was to appoint a Treasurer. He stated that we received three resumes. A. Holbrook stated that there was another resume but the applicant was not from the Township so it couldn't be considered. H. Wymore stated that the applicants are Charles Sherwin, Jim Holmes and Gail Prill. He also mentioned that if any one of the applicants preferred that the Board discusses their resumes in private that the Board can go into closed session. All applicants agreed that they didn't need to have a closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Connie Lipka (Township Assessor) had some questions to ask the three applicants. She asked them if they were willing to keep processing the taxes in-house – all applicants stated that they wanted them kept in-house. She then asked them if they were computer literate, if they adapt well to new programs and if they would be willing to take classes if necessary – all applicants answered yes to all questions. The last question she had for them is if they foresee any problems that would hinder a good working relationship between them (i.e. personality conflict) – all applicants answered no.

Karen Hopp stated that she was there on behalf of the Tuscola County Treasurer's Office and also as a Fremont Twp. resident. She stated that during the transition time the County office is available for help and that she is also willing to help whenever needed.

A Resident commented that they hope that whoever gets the job that they continue doing as good a job as Julie Meyer did. And that they are willing to step-up and help with the Board of Review when necessary.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

- A. Holbrook stated that she is going to abstain from voting due to a conflict since two of the applicants are related to her. H. Wymore stated that usually the Board member who abstains from voting leaves the table but he would recommend that she remain to take the minutes the Board agreed.
- I. Barrons mentioned that all three applicants are highly qualified and that the two that do not get appointed to the position can run for position at next year's election if they are still interested.
- I. Barrons made a motion to appoint Charles Sherwin as the Township Treasurer, seconded by J. Welke. J. Welke asked Charles Sherwin if he feels that he can work well with the Assessor and the Twp. Board and Charles stated that he can and that since he is retired he has all the time that would be needed to devote to do the job correctly. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes; J. Welke-yes; H. Wymore-yes motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting will be the regular Twp. Board meeting on December 8, 2011, 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