

**Fremont Township Minutes**  
**March 10, 2022**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: A. Holbrook, R. Curell, M. Blatt, C. Franzel, and K. Thom. Absent: None.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Greg Eggert, Ken Bragg, Bob DeCoe, Victoria Bennett, Terry Blackmer, Terry Wingert, Jennifer Miller, Brandon Blatt, Gail Prill, John Welke, and Theresa Miller,

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the February 10, 2022, meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

**BILLS:**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Terry Blackmer (Mayville Fire Chief) wanted to come to the Board and let them know about the current need that the Fire Department has. Since the last meeting they have lost more of the SCBA units and they are currently left with only 8 working units which means if they follow the OSHA guidelines of 2 in 2 out they are only supposed to have 4 firefighters working inside of a smoke filled atmosphere at a time. He mentioned that they are still waiting to hear if they will receive the FEMA grant but they have been told that grant will not be awarded until mid-summer and they really cannot wait that long to replace those units. He did receive permission from FEMA that if they are awarded the grant they can pay themselves back for purchasing these units. He stated that the Village of Mayville has already approved \$46,708 towards the purchase of 10 units but this amount will only pay for a little over 5 units. M. Blatt asked if the township could purchase some units directly and Terry Blackmer stated that we could work directly with the vendor. M. Blatt stated that he thinks we should buy 4 units. R. Curell stated maybe we should purchase 5 and K. Thom also agreed. Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by K. Thom to purchase 5 SCBA units for the Mayville Fire Department. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, K. Thom-yes, R. Curell-yes, M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried. Terry Blackmer thanked the Board and said he did not expect that tonight. He stated that the units would be invoiced at shipping which will be in about 8 weeks and then there will be 30 days to pay once the invoice is received.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident stated that they read in the minutes from last month about the possibility of giving the Fremont Cemetery to the Village. This Resident wanted to know why we would do that. M. Blatt stated that the Village is looking into becoming a city and in order for that to happen they need a cemetery and part of the Fremont Cemetery is in the Village. This Resident stated that they have remains of family members buried in that cemetery and they do not like them being used as leverage for something like that. It was mentioned that the Township does have a deed to that Cemetery so the Township would have to sign the deed over to the Village before that could happen.

Another Resident had a question for the Fire Chief. This Resident wondered what the hierarchy of the fire department was. The Fire Chief stated that he is the chief but he reports back to the Village Council.

A Resident commented that they have been to the County Courthouse and have look at all the paperwork concerning case 2021-31801-CZ and this Resident wants to make sure that the Supervisor is aware of everything that is going on and that the Supervisor has looked at all that paperwork. M. Blatt stated that he has been in contact with the Township Attorney regarding this case and the Township Attorney is handling it and keeping him informed.

**CLERK REPORT:**

Budget Amendments: The Board members were given a list of necessary amendments for the current 2021/2022 budget. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the amendments as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Holbrook stated that at the Budget meeting it was discussed about increasing the Board of Review March payment to \$500 and increasing the per meeting rate for July and December meetings to \$75 each. Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the increase for the Board of Review. Motion carried unanimously.

It was also requested that we increase the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals per meeting rate to \$75 each. Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by K. Tom to approve this increase. Motion carried unanimously.

At the budget meeting it was also discussed about increase the salary for the Supervisor by \$2400 per year as that position has not had an increase since 2013. This increase would bring the Supervisor's salary to \$11,640.00. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by A. Holbrook to approve the Supervisor salary increase. Motion carried unanimously.

2022/2023 Budget – Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the 2022/2023 budget as presented. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, K. Thom-yes, R. Curell-yes, M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance as of February 28, 2022, was \$585,637.81. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by K. Thom - motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery Report – Had four burials this month. Have gotten new signs for the cemeteries and will get them installed as soon as the weather gets better.

Road Report – Still waiting on bids for the upcoming projects.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 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.