

Fremont Township Minutes

August 12, 2021

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on August 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: A. Holbrook, R. Curell, M. Blatt and K. Thom. Absent: C. Franzel

Guests: Bonnie Brown, Gordon Brown, Linda Berry, Daniel Berry, Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Gail Prill, Greg Eggert, Doreen Crane, Tom Sugden, Karen Sugden, Rick Sugden, Sylvia Putman, Arelene Hoad, Connie Fibranz, Ed Fibranz, Matt Ollila, Garnett Ollila, Richard Zapfe, Bob DeCoe, Terry Vrable, Theresa Miller, Ken Bragg, Dorothy Lock, Adam Lock, Terry Glowicki, Ida Barrons, Fran Campbell, Jack Campbell, Penny Turner, Willard Bugenski, Gary Bugenski, Rosemary Harris, Jen Miller, Pete Mocer, Wesley O'Dell, Gloria O'Dell, Ronald Tebedo, Jennifer Leitzel, and Brandon Blatt.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by M. Blatt approve the July 8, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that they were here in support of keeping the trash collection as is. Another Resident stated that they were also there to support the trash collection. M. Blatt asked how many people in attendance were there regarding the trash collection and the majority raised their hands. He then asked how many were in support of the trash collection staying on the property taxes and again the majority raised their hands. A Resident stated that when the trash collection first came up almost five years ago that they were completely against it and fought against it being put on the taxes. However, now they are completely behind it and very supportive of continuing it as is. M. Blatt stated that he wanted to clarify what was said at last months meeting. Yes in his personal opinion he would like to have it removed from the taxes because he has seen other municipalities charge double for trash collection then what is actually charged to them. He stated that previously we had a good board and currently we have a good board but we cannot control what will happen in the future and we could end up paying more depending on the board at the time. He stated that he was also frustrated because of all the complaint phone calls he was getting because they need to go to the garbage company and not the township. A Resident stated that M. Blatt had stated last month that he did not want to continue trash collection and since he is the one in charge they are thinking it will not be continued. A. Holbrook mentioned that continuing trash collection is a Board decision and that M. Blatt is only one member. A. Holbrook also stated that each board member has the same authority and there is not one that has more authority than another. A Resident asked if we would consider also adding recycling with the new contract. A. Holbrook mentioned that we could have that option included in the bid. It was mentioned that recycling would cost more money and we already pay for recycling through the County. The Board asked for a raise of hands on how many people wanted recycling and there were only a couple. They asked for a raise of hands on who did not want recycling and that was the majority of the people in attendance. A Resident stated that they had recycling at their previous property and it was more of a pain than it was worth because the item would have to be put out the night before and then they would just get blown all over and have to be re-picked up. A Holbrook also stated that she received a letter from a Resident and they are in favor of keeping the garbage pickup as is. They have never had any problems with Republic and they are happy with the service. Another Resident asked why the Treasurer was not at the meeting again this month. A. Holbrook stated that she had some family things to take care of and could not be at the meeting.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook stated that we need to renew that Poverty Exemption Resolution. She has given all Board members a copy and it is the same as previous years with just the federal guidelines updated. Motion by A. Holbrook, seconded by M. Blatt to approve the 2021 Poverty Exemption Resolution. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, and A. Holbrook-yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: No Treasurer Report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Had one cremation burial this month. M. Blatt stated that the headstone that was mentioned at last months meeting has been taken care of. M. Blatt also mentioned that the new cemetery caretaker is doing a great job and he has not had any complaints. H. Wymore mentioned that Arland Draper has been repairing old headstones in other cemeteries and would like permission to repair headstones in the Fremont Cemeteries. H. Wymore stated that Arland did not want any payment for the repairs. A Resident mentioned that they had requested to do this years ago and were told that they could not do so unless they had permission from the family members of the burial plot. R. Curell stated that he thinks we need to consider all sides of this because if we let him repair some headstones than how is that fair to the people that have to pay to have their family members headstone repaired by the Township Sexton. H. Wymore stated that Arland Draper would only repair the old historic headstones. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to allow Arland Draper to mend and level historical gravestones at the North Grove and old Fremont Cemetery at no expense to the township – motion carried.

Road Report – The Road Commission has started the gravel patching.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt stated that we need to put out for bids for the new garbage contract. A. Holbrook stated that she would put a notice in the newspapers and also mail out copies to the garbage companies. A Resident asked if we would be sending out information to them about the new costs and A. Holbrook stated that we would be keeping them informed.

M. Blatt stated that Kim Vaughan (County Commissioner) was not able to make it to tonights meeting but he wanted the Township to know that the County has hired a new company to take care of building codes. This company will start taking over on September 30, 2021. It was also mentioned that a location has not yet been set but the hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

A. Holbrook mentioned that there will be an election on November 2, 2021, for a school proposal.

A Resident mentioned that they do not have the white fog lines on their road and they would like them added. They also stated that the corner of Snover Road and Washburn Road is very hard to see if traffic is coming. M. Blatt stated that he would talk with the Road Commission. Another Resident commented that they live on Waterman Road and that road is very bad and needs to be graded. M. Blatt stated that he will also talk with the Road Commission about that road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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.