

Fremont Township Minutes
March 9, 2023

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 9, 2023, 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, Brandon Blatt, Ken Bragg, Greg Eggert, Tyler Ireland Terry Blackmer, Gail Prill and Jameson Thom.

MINUTES:

Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by R. Curell to approve the February 9, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the February 9, 2023, budget meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked if the new phone system was setup and we were done paying AT&T and C. Franzel stated yes. Blatt asked Terry Blackmer (Mayville Fire Chief) if he had any comments and Blackmer stated that he had nothing new other than the new fire truck has been ordered.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook gave the Board the report from the Zoning Administrator. He issued no citations and two permits. Budget Amendments: The Board members were given a list of necessary amendments for the current 2023/2024 budget. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by A. Holbrook to approve the amendments as listed. Motion carried.

A. Holbrook stated that Burnham & Flower said that if we wanted to remove the pension plan option for the Zoning Administrator that we had to pass a resolution to do so. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by K. Thom to remove the Zoning Administrator from the eligible class for the pension. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

A. Holbrook stated that we needed a motion to increase the Zoning Administrator's pay to be \$5,000 per year plus mileage. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by M. Blatt to increase the Zoning Administrator's pay to \$5,000 per year plus mileage. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

2023/2024 Budget – Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the 2023/2024 budget as presented. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

A. Holbrook mentioned that she did talk with Burnham & Flower about removing the pension from the Board members and adding the amount to the salaries. They said that we could do this and there are two different options. We can freeze the township pension so that everything stays the same we would just not be adding to the plans or we can terminate the plan which will make it so that everyone currently in the plan would either need to withdraw their money or roll it over into a new account. A. Holbrook also talked to the Township Attorney and he stated that we needed to follow what Burnham & Flower stated and if we added the amount to the salaries we would need to pass a salary resolution. M. Blatt was for going ahead and terminating the plan. C. Franzel stated that she thinks maybe we should table this until next month because she had not had the opportunity to look over all the information. A. Holbrook stated that we could table it until next month and that way we could have the attorney draft the necessary resolutions so that we made sure we covered all our basis. The Board decided to table this until next month.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of February 28, 2023, was \$620,986.31. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made K. Thom, seconded by A. Holbrook - motion carried. C. Franzel also checked into the maturity dates on the CD's and they mature in March of 2024 and March of 2026.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – The Cemetery Caretaker is still working on tree removal.

Road Report – M. Blatt received the quotes for roadwork which include Wagon Road from Washburn to the dead end for \$10,750, Wagon Road from North Lake to the dead end for \$19,700, Chambers Road from Brown to the dead end for \$11,400, Conrad Road from Blackmore to the dead end for \$6,650, North Grove Road from Wireline to M24 for \$22,950, Hunt Road from M24 to Cat Lake for \$45,150 and random gravel patching for \$22,500. Total cost for all projects would be \$139,100.00. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the above mentioned gravel work – motion carried. M. Blatt stated that he had not received any information on Washburn Road because the Road Commission is still trying to decide what the best option would be since the road is in worse shape than they originally thought.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt talked to an asphalt company to see if they had received pricing yet so that we could start getting quotes for the parking lot. The company had gotten a bid but it was been rescinded so they are still waiting for actual pricing. M. Blatt wondered how much of the parking area we wanted to asphalt and the Board decided that we should do it all. M. Blatt will work on marking the area so that each company is quoting the same area.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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.