

Fremont Township Minutes
May 9, 2019

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on May 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, M. Blatt, C. Sherwin and J. Welke. Absent: None
Guests: Carolyn Wymore, Greg & Judy Eggert, Bill & Judy Raymond, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Kim Vaughan, Ken Bragg, Victoria Bennett, Ida Barrons, Ron Curell, Gail Prill and Lawrence Allison.

MINUTES:

C. Sherwin stated that there should be a couple corrections made to the minutes in the Treasurer's report. The report should read "The Treasurer also gave the Board a report on how much excess money we had in the general account that we could transfer to the 2019/2020 budget. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to amend the 2019/2020 budget to include excess \$146,613.00." Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke to approve the April 11, 2019, regular meeting minutes with the corrections - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that we need to have someone fix two of the exterior doors at the township hall because you can see daylight through the base of the doors. H. Wymore stated that we would look into having them taken care of and he also stated that the water softener is not working at the hall either so they are having someone look at that as well. This Resident also asked that the Board look into changing the retirement amount given to the Board members and just put that amount into their salaries so that there is more transparency. This Resident would like this to be discussed before there are new Board members so that it is black and white. M. Blatt stated that he is ok with doing that. J. Welke stated that he does not have a preference whether it is kept or not but that we need to look into what it will take to do away with the retirement. C. Sherwin stated that we could also just add the retirement amount onto the payroll report so it is more transparent to the residents. H. Wymore asked that A. Holbrook try to get a list from the other townships in the county to see what their salaries are and to see if they get retirement. We will discuss this again at next months meeting. Another Resident stated that they need the Board's help in getting some ditch work done on Cat Lake Road south of Hunt Road. This Resident stated that they have cleaned out their property but down the road the ditches are blocked and so the water cannot get to the county drain. H. Wymore stated that section of Cat Lake Road is the responsibility of Dayton Township and we do not have any authority over it. This Resident stated that they knew that but were hoping that we could at least write a letter on their behalf. H. Wymore stated that he would contact the Dayton Township Supervisor. It was also mentioned that maybe we could talk with the Road Commission and see if there is anything they can do. Another Resident stated that at Tuesday's election we had several people comment about the Township Map that is at the hall and how outdated it is and that we should get an updated map.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook stated that she received a sample resolution from the County supporting construction of a new state psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County to replace current Caro Center facility. Motion made by H. Wymore seconded by J. Welke to approve the resolution as presented. – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of April 30, 2019, was \$414,667.87. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – we had no burials this month.

Road Report – H. Wymore received a bid from the Road Commission for gravel work on Cat Lake Road from Blackmore to Snover for \$53,282.00 and a bid for resurfacing Snover Road from Schott to Cat Lake for \$74,542.50. We do not have enough money left in the road budget to do both projects. C. Sherwin stated that we could take some money from the CD and use that and then we would just be short approximately \$14,000.00 and we could ask the Road Commission to carry that over into next years budget. M. Blatt stated that he would like to see us do some ditching on Cat Lake before we put the gravel down. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to approve both project subject to the Road Commission carrying the \$14,000.00 into next years budget. Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-no, J. Welke-yes, M. Blatt-no, H. Wymore-yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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.