

Fremont Township Minutes
July 12, 2018

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on July 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, J. Welke, A. Holbrook and M. Blatt. Absent: None.
Guests: Carolyn Wymore, Cheryl Sherwin, Bill & Judy Raymond, Judy & Greg Eggert, Gail Prill, Ken Bragg, Tyler Ireland, Ida Barrons, Phil & Marun Green

MINUTES:

Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke to approve the June 14, 2018, meeting minutes as presented – motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Sherwin, seconded by M. Blatt – motion carried

PHIL GREEN:

Phil stated that he is running for State Representative and he gave us a brief history of his background and stated that if elected he intended to go to Lansing to fight for us in the Thumb because he feels that a lot of times we are forgotten.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk gave each Board Member a copy of a draft Cost Recovery Ordinance. This ordinance was recommended to us so that we could try to recover some of the costs from fire runs. C. Sherwin stated that he thought some changes needed to be made to Section 2 because we will only be trying to collect \$500 per fire run. H. Wymore thought maybe we should leave it as is and see what we could collect. J. Welke agreed with C. Sherwin that it should state that we will only be collecting \$500 per fire run and that the fees currently listed on the proposed ordinance are what the fire department charges us per fire run. C. Sherwin stated that it should say that we are only going to collect what the insurance company will pay. A. Holbrook asked if we should specify a different rate for those that do not pay the special assessment for fire protection like Detroit Edison. C. Sherwin said that it should be listed as a fee of \$500 for residential and commercial should be the actual cost of the fire run. J. Welke stated that maybe we should table this discussion until we can consult with attorney. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to table further discussion on the Cost Recovery Ordinance until we get input from the attorney – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$440,131.32 as of June 30, 2018. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke seconded by H. Wymore – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Sold \$600 worth of lots last month. H. Wymore stated that he has not received a bid for removal of the 2 trees at the Fremont Cemetery. H. Wymore gave each Board Member a list of the proposed increase to the cemetery lots. The cost to purchase lots would increase by \$100 and the administration fee for cremation burials would increase by \$15. Motion to approve the \$100 increase per lot and the \$15 increase for cremation burials made by C. Sherwin, seconded by M. Blatt – motion carried. H. Wymore gave each Board Member a proposed list of Cemetery Rules for the new Cremation Section. J. Welke questioned as to whether the marker would be on a foundation. H. Wymore stated that you wouldn't have to have a footing that they could use gravel as a base. J. Welke asked if they would be mowing over the grave markers or how they would maintain the grass between the markers and H. Wymore stated they would mow

over them because they would be flush to the ground. It was mentioned that the rules should state somewhere that the markers needed to be flush to the ground. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the Cemetery Rules for the cremation section as presented with the correct of #13 to read "The grave marker shall not exceed 20" x 20" and be flush to the ground and shall be placed directly on top of the grave (lot), 24" x 24". Motion carried. H. Wymore stated that the Cemetery Caretaker contract is up for renewal and that the caretaker is requesting a \$1,500.⁰⁰ increase. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by M. Blatt to renew the Cemetery Caretaker's contract with an increase of \$1,500.⁰⁰ for a yearly salary of \$15,300.⁰⁰. Motion carried. H. Wymore stated that he also received a call from Paul Dost regarding the rental of the hay field by the Fremont Cemetery. Paul Dost has a contract on that field until April of 2019 but wanted to know if the Board would renew his contract because he wanted to fertilize the field but did not want to do that if we were not going to renew his contract next year. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to extend the current contract with Paul Dost until April 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Road Report – H. Wymore received a map from the Road Commission on what sections they were going to do brush spraying and gave copies to all the Board Members. H Wymore was also contacted by Art Acord about putting a hidden driveway sign near his driveway because where North Grove Road turns into Wireline Road vehicles speed around that curve and do not notice that there is a driveway there and someone is going to get hurt. H. Wymore stated that he had talked with the Road Commission and they went and looked at the area and stated that they would put a sign up but it would be at the cost of the Township which shouldn't be more than \$200. Motion made J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to pay up to \$200 to have a hidden driveway sign installed near the corner of Wireline and North Grove Road – motion carried. M. Blatt asked if the Road Commission had started doing the gravel patched yet because they have put gravel on areas of Chambers Road and it is terrible. H. Wymore stated that they have not started our gravel patching yet because he has just turned in the paperwork. M. Blatt stated that we needed to make sure they put down good gravel for what we are paying for. A Resident asked what was found out regarding Evergreen Creek and H. Wymore stated that he is going to go to the Road Commission and see if they won't help with some of the cost for fixing that problem and he has also talked with the Sheriff's department about getting a work crew to help and was told that it would cost \$40 per day and they would like us to donate a chainsaw. H. Wymore stated that he is also going to talk with the Drain Commission again because there are four County Drains that run into that creek and could be causing some of the problems. H. Wymore will hopefully have more information at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 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.