Fremont Township Minutes October 12, 2017

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on October 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, C. Sherwin and M. Blatt. Absent: None Guests: 11

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the September 14, 2017, regular board meeting. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by M. Blatt seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident invited everyone to come out to the Mayville Lions Club's Made in the Thumb Expo on October 21st from 9am to 3pm at the Polish American Club on M-24. She stated that they will have something for everyone.

CLERK REPORT:

Master Plan – The Township Planning Commission has reviewed the Master Plan and is recommending that the Township Board approve it with no changes. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to adopt that the Master Plan has been reviewed and is good for another 5 years – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer stated that he is still having a Quickbooks problem so he was not able to print a complete treasurer's report. He stated that as soon as someone from ATBD can meet with him, the problem will be fixed and he should have reports for September and October at the November meeting. He stated that all the account did reconcile and are balanced and the Board has received that information. Motion to accept treasurer report as presented made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried. A Resident asked the Treasurer to explain how the tax payment checks are deposited and he stated that he does not deposit the checks until he does a disbursement which is done about every 15 days. C. Sherwin also mentioned that we have received a copy of the annual audit report and that if anyone would like to look at a copy of the report, it is on the back table at the hall. H. Wymore asked if the problems with Quickbooks was going to affect our next years audit and C. Sherwin stated no.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore stated that the Assessor and Treasurer have been putting in a lot of extra hours working on correcting a tax problem that was created when they downloaded a copy of the tax roll from the County Treasurer's office. It was questioned as to why they decided to use the County's database this time instead of their own and they answered that there were some problems with retired parcels and they were supposed to get a clean database from the County that would have corrected the retired parcels but the County's database did not have corrected addresses or property descriptions. H. Wymore stated that he would like to see them compensated for the extra work that it is taking to make the corrections. J. Fackler stated that they are correcting all the errors and in the end we will have a corrected tax roll, it is just taking some time. C. Sherwin stated that as long as he is treasurer, they will never take a copy of the County's database again. H. Wymore asked how many hours they have spent and C. Sherwin stated that he has at least 100 hours into it already and that Joan probably has the same. M. Blatt asked why we decided to take the County's database in the first place and Joan answered that it was supposed to correct

the problem we had with the split and combination parcels that were not retired or deleted correctly but it caused another problem. J. Welke stated that he agrees that they should be compensated but he would like to consider how they should be compensated and how much and then discuss it again next month. M. Blatt stated that he did not feel that the taxpayers should have to pay extra for error because they are already being paid a wage to do the job. A. Holbrook thinks they should be compensated but would like to wait and discuss it next month. It was asked as to when this would all be corrected and C. Sherwin stated that he has to have it done before the end of November because the winter tax bills go out December 1st. The Board decided to table this for tonight and to discuss it further at next month's meeting.

GARY GLENN (Candidate for State Senate):

Representative Gary Glenn stated that he just wanted to stop in and introduce himself and that he is planning on running for the State Senate seat that is currently held by Senator Mike Green. He stated that there could possibly be a special election in February. He stated that he is running for the position with Mike Green's support. He also gave the board a copy of his contact information if we have any questions for him in the future.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report –H. Wymore stated that we have not been able to locate the one survey stake at the Fremont Cemetery and so we need to have it surveyed. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt to have that section of the cemetery surveyed to locate the final survey stake – motion carried H. Wymore asked Judy and Char how things were coming with the cemetery records and they stated that they are almost finished and just doing the fine tuning. The have completed the North Grove Cemetery. Road Report – H. Wymore received a complaint about Schott Road north of Blackmore Road. He stated that the road is now lower than the driveways and some of the residents have blacktop driveways and so their vehicles will bottom-out when trying to get onto the road. H. Wymore stated that he received a price from the Road Commission to do this job and it will cost \$9,490. C. Sherwin stated that we could collapse the road fund cd and use that money to pay for this fix. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to collapse the road fund cd and approve for the Road Commission to do the repairs to Schott Road – motion carried. M. Blatt stated that when the Road Commission did the brush spraying on Chambers Road that they missed several areas. H. Wymore stated that he would check into it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 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