

**Fremont Township Minutes**  
**March 12, 2020**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, C. Sherwin, and R. Curell. Absent: None.

Guests: Cheryl Sherwin, Jen Miller, Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Kim Vaughan, Greg & Judy Eggert, Jennifer Leitzel, Ken Bragg, Val Chapin, Theresa Miller, Kenneth Miller III, Luann Piesczak, Ida Barrons and Gail Prill.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the February 13, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

**BILLS:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident mentioned having someone come and clean the hall after elections. A Watertown Twp. Resident stated that there is a farm across the road from them that is in Fremont Twp. that is digging for gravel and they are ruining the road and had a truck get stuck in the road. This Resident stated that their property values have gone down and they do not agree with the special land use being granted. M. Blatt stated that the Planning Commission approved the special land use and that the only option they would have would be to appeal the permit to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A Resident that owns the farm that was granted the special land use stated that they did not haul any equipment on the road once the frost laws were put into place. This Resident stated that they have been doing everything according to the law and are doing their best not to upset the neighbors.

**KIM VAUGHAN:** (County Commission)

He wanted to let everyone know that they have a lot going on at the County. He stated that if anyone read the article in the newspaper about the windmills and the Tuscola County Airport that he wanted to set the record straight. The County Commission are supporting the AZBA (Airport Zoning Board of Appeals). He stated that the County will support their Boards and they have done that with the AZBA when they appealed to the Circuit Court regarding the windmills coming in. However, since the Circuit Court ruled that the windmills have all the proper permits the County Commissioners are not going to pay the bill for the AZBA to take this to the Supreme Court. He also stated that the County Commissioners have attended some emergency meetings regarding the rising water on the lake shore and what can be done to help the property owners.

**CLERK REPORT:**

Deputy Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer pay raise – Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt to increase the Deputies pay from \$800 per year to \$1,000 per year. Roll call vote: R. Curell-no, J. Welke-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments: The Board members were given a list of necessary amendments for the current 2019/2020 budget. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the amendments as listed – motion carried.

Budget: Motion made by M. Blatt seconded by J. Welke to approve the 2020/2021 budget as presented.

Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, J. Welke-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance as of February 29, 2020, was \$383,589.95. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt - motion carried. .

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Road Report – Received the bid back from the Road Commission for the three miles of Washburn Road and the cost is \$129,867.00. We are still waiting for a price on the ditching. M. Blatt also stated that the corner of Blackmore Road and Lobdell Road will be an extensive project and the Road Commission is working on pricing but it will probably be something that will not get done this year. Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by J. Welke to approve the roadwork on the three miles of Washburn Road – motion carried. M. Blatt also stated that he talked with the Road Commission regarding Cat Lake Road near Harmon Lake Road. That section of road is the responsibility of Dayton Township and they are responsible for the road and the road right of way (33' from the center of the road). M. Blatt stated that he would get with the Dayton Township Supervisor and see what their plan is for cleaning that ditch.

Cemetery Report – Had one burial this month and transferred two lots between a father and son so no money was transferred.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

M. Blatt received a fireworks permit request from Krystal Lake Campground. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the fireworks permit – motion carried.

Roadside Mowing – M. Blatt has already received one bid for roadside mowing and he wondered what the Board wanted to do about the roadside mowing. C. Sherwin asked if we were going to put it out for bids and M. Blatt stated that he would like to. J. Welke asked if the Road Commission had come up with the guidelines yet and M. Blatt stated that they have not. The Board decided to table this until next month and either we will have the guidelines from the Road Commission or we will come up with our own guidelines in order to get an ad put in the paper for bids.

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.