

Fremont Township Minutes
January 11, 2017

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on January 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: 15

MINUTES:

Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke to approve the December 14, 2017, regular board meeting minutes with the following correction: Add that during the Commissioner's statement Kim Vaughan mentioned that one of the elected officials at the County has talked to the Commissioners about a pay increase and Kim feels a pay increase is not necessary because when you run for that elected position you know what the pay will be and should not request an increase – motion carried

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wondered if there was anything else that needed or should be done to fix the problem with the tax database. C. Sherwin stated that the township database is up to date and as long as we do not take another download from the county database this will not happen again. Another Resident stated that they would like the Board to discuss including in the minutes the names of all the people that attend the meetings that way if someone decides to run for office residents could see if they have attended meetings. C. Sherwin stated that not everyone signs in for the meetings. Another Resident asked if the sign in sheets are public record and it was stated that they are and there are kept with copies of the minutes. H. Wymore stated that this can be discussed at a later time if the Board chooses.

TIM WINGERT:

Tim stated that he wanted to follow-up with what was commented last month by Commissioner Vaughan regarding the vote on changing the law about not being able to purchase liquor in Tuscola County on Sundays. He stated that he was here representing all the business owners in the County and would like to ask for everyone's support on trying to get this law changed. He stated that they are going to work on getting it placed on the August ballot but that the Commissioners can vote again to change this law or the Commissioners can also vote to put it on the ballot without making the business owner's get petitions signed and consulting an attorney. He stated that the County businesses cannot afford to lose commerce because people are going outside the county to purchase liquor and other shopping.

CLERK REPORT:

Budget Hearing - Clerk stated that we need to schedule the budget hearing. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to hold the hearing immediately following the February 8th regular board meeting – motion carried. A. Holbrook also mentioned that at the Planning Commission meeting Tuesday it was discussed about updating the Master Plan and that Vicky Sherry from the Tuscola County EDC will assist us in updating the plan for around \$5,000. This is something that will have to be discussed and planned for in the budget. Barb Valentine (Village President) stated that she would be willing to help us update our plan and that she would not charge the township.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$306,969.44 as of December 31, 2017. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore stated that we need to set a Cemetery Committee meeting.

Road Report – Schott Road has not been started and probably will not be worked on until spring.

Board Appointments - Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to appoint Pete Mocerri, Frank Ellicott, Soleiman Seghatoleslami and Amy Holbrook (alternate) to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 3-year terms – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore stated that there is a Board of Review training on February 9th and that all the Board of Review members are planning on attending.

There is a Capital Conference on January 31st and if any board members want to attend to let A. Holbrook know so that she can get them registered.

H. Wymore received a tire collection agreement and wondered if anyone would be interested in assisting him with the tire collection this year. C. Sherwin stated that he would and H. Wymore stated that they would discuss this and set the date.

Fire Agreement – H. Wymore received the Fire Agreement from the Village of Mayville and stated that we will discuss this with our budget meeting next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 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