

**Fremont Township Minutes**  
**March 14, 2024**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: A. Prill, M. Blatt, R. Curell, C. Franzel and Kyle Thom. Absent: None.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Tyler Ireland, Greg Eggert, Gail Prill, Jeff Lo'Ree, Tina Lo'Ree, Sally Minehart, Ed & Debra Lesko, Ken Bragg, Jennifer Leitzel, Terry Blackmer, Chrise Esckelson, Connie Esckelson, Joseph Whitney, Bradley Reilly, and Irina Reilly.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by K. Thom seconded by R. Curell to approve the February 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes and also the February 8, 2024, budget meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

**BILLS:**

Motion to pay the bills as presented, by C. Franzel, seconded by K. Thom - motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Board of Review member, Theresa Bristol-Miller, gave the Board an update on their March meetings. She stated that they met this past week. She stated that they had three poverty exemption request. She also thanked the Board for the new copier as they were able to make all necessary copies and even print paperwork when necessary. Their next meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.

A Resident from O'Brien Road wanted to discuss a noise complaint on their road. They have a property that is adjacent to theirs that constantly has loud parties that last all night and into the early morning hours. They have called the police several times and the police have been out there but they say their hands are tied until the township enacts a noise ordinance that they can enforce. M. Blatt stated that they would need to take their complaint to the Planning Commission as that is the board that writes the ordinances. M. Blatt stated that the next Planning Commission meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Another Resident stated that they are having the same problem but they live on Ambrose Road. They have a neighbor that parties and shoots off guns all night long. This Resident has kept a log of every time they have partied and the length of time. They have also collected a petition with about 23 signatures of people that want a noise ordinance. M. Blatt also told them that they should attend the Planning Commission meeting and bring all their information to show that Board. A. Prill took copies of the log and petition to give to the Planning Commission.

A Resident that lives on East Snover Road wanted to see if they could chloride their road better. They stated that it seems like the trucks put a heavy layer of chloride just before their house and then the chloride lightens up just in from of their house until the corner. M. Blatt stated that he would mention this to the road commission and see what can be done.

Another Resident stated they live on Conrad Road and last year requested a hidden drive sign be place on the road but nothing has been done. M. Blatt stated that this requested was turned over to the Road Commission and the engineers looked at the location and did a study and denied the request. This Resident also stated that on the corner of Conrad and Saginaw Road there is a lot of brush that has grown up and you cannot see clearly to turn off of Conrad Road and onto Saginaw Road. M. Blatt stated that he would look into that also. A Resident asked if we had an idea of when the Washburn Road project will start. M. Blatt stated that we do not have a start date yet but we need to approve the project tonight.

### **CLERK REPORT:**

Zoning Report – there is no zoning report tonight because the Zoning Administrator has been sick.

Budget Amendments: The Board members were given a list of necessary amendments for the current 2023/2024 budget. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the amendments as listed. Motion carried.

A. Prill stated that we needed a motion to increase the Clerk's salary by \$3,000 per year as discussed in the budget meeting. Motion made by R. Curell seconded by K. Thom to increase the Clerk's pay by \$3,000 per year. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Prill-abstain. Motion carried. K. Thom stated that he wanted the public to know that the reason they were increasing the Clerk and Deputy Clerk's salaries is because of all the additional work that has been added to the Clerk's job with the new changes coming to the election laws. These changes have substantially increased the workload for this job.

A. Prill stated that we needed a motion to increase the Deputy Clerk's salary by \$800 per year as discussed in the budget meeting. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel to increase the Deputy Clerk's pay by \$800 per year. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Prill-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

2024/2025 Budget – Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the 2024/2025 budget as presented. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance as of February 29, 2024, was \$784,236.48. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made A. Prill, seconded by K. Thom - motion carried. C. Franzel also gave the Board an overview of the taxes that were collected for this year.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery Report – Had a tree down at the cemetery but the caretaker has cleaned that up.

Road Report – M. Blatt received the bid for the Washburn Road project. Total for the project is \$911,933.17. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the Washburn Road bid. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

M. Blatt received notice from our Zoning Administrator that he has been working on a blight issue on Mertz Road but has not been able to get any cooperation from the property owner. This blight issue was started with the previous zoning administrator and has been an on-going problem. Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by A. Prill to turn this blight issue over to the attorney – motion carried.

M. Blatt stated that he has also talked to the Zoning Administrator about the noise complaints that have been received and the Zoning Administrator will be looking into what options we have.

Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement – we have received a request for a proposed ordinance from Consumer's Energy for a gas franchise agreement. Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by M. Blatt to approve the Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance – motion carried.

M. Blatt also stated that he has reached out to Consumers Energy to see about getting natural gas installed along M-24. He stated that he has had some interest from businesses about possibly coming into our township but one big hold-up on M-24 is the fact that they do not have natural gas.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 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 Prill, Fremont Township Clerk.