

Fremont Township Minutes
March 12, 2026

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, C. Franzel, R. Curell, A. Prill, and Brandon Blatt. Absent: None. Guests: Brent Hiller, Jeff & Cindy Smith, Ken Bragg, Alisha Proctor (Tuscola EDC), James McCloskey (Tuscola EDC), Sam Palmeter, Doug Daniels (Greater Thumb Real Estate), Nathan Daniels (Greater Thumb Real Estate), Greg Eggert, Theresa Miller, Will Green (Tuscola County Road Commission), Brent Dankert (Tuscola County Road Commission), Jason Root (Tuscola County Road Commission), Steve Walton, Jennifer Leitzel, April Crumby, Kevin Crumby, and Gail Prill.

MINUTES:

Motion made by C. Franzel seconded by R. Curell to approve the February 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented – motion carried.

Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by A. Prill to approve the February 12, 2026, budget meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by B. Blatt, seconded by A. Prill - motion carried.

TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:

Brent Dankert (Tuscola County Road Commission Highway Engineer) gave the Board and update on some upcoming projects. They will be finishing the last two miles on Saginaw Road between Conrad and the Mayville Village limits this year. He also stated that they are going to be doing a project on Brown and Schott Road which they sent a proposal to the Township about doing the township section at the same time. Brent also talked about the estimate that was requested a couple years ago for tree removal. He stated that at that time the cost was around \$300,000. However, there is the possibilities of a safety grant that could be applied for that would save the township some money on tree removal as well as some other projects. These projects would span about three years and the payments due would also be split between those three years. He stated that the application is due May 10th but the projects would not start until 2028. M. Blatt stated that the information provided was a lot to take in in a short timeframe but working together with the Road Commission would save the township a substantial amount of money; plus having the payments stretched over three years would also mean that we would be getting the matching funds over those three years. M. Blatt asked what was needed if we wanted to move forward with the grant process. Will Green stated that they would just need a resolution saying that the Township wanted to move forward. Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to move forward with the Road Commission on the safety grant application process. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, A. Prill-yes, B. Blatt-yes, R. Curell-yes, M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

It was asked if there was any questions for the Road Commission and a Resident stated that on North Lake Road north of Brown Road there is a culvert issue that is causing flooding. Brent Dankert stated that he would have the area foreman take a look at it. Another Resident asked if Lobdell Road south of M24 is the Village or Township Road and they were told it is a Village Road.

Brent Dankert also stated that the Road Commission did get funding for the Snover Road Bridge west of M24 and that it is scheduled for replacement in 2028. M. Blatt asked what the cost would be for the township for that project and Brent stated there was no cost to the township.

INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT & INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION RESOLUTIONS:

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by B. Blatt to pass a Resolution to Establish an Industrial Development District for Laser Marketing Technologies, LLC. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, B. Blatt-yes, A. Prill-yes, C. Franzel-yes, and M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to pass a Resolution Approving Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Laser Marketing Technologies, LLC. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, B. Blatt-yes, A. Prill-yes, C. Franzel-yes, and M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that they own property on Snover Road that borders the old dump property. They said that they recently found out that the Township still owns about three acres of the dump property and they would like to purchase these parcels. They stated that they had talked to M. Blatt about this and he said to bring the Board a reasonable offer. This Resident feels that \$1,200 per acre is a reasonable offer because if they would have been informed of the additional parcels they would have purchased those parcels at the same time that they purchased the other dump parcels. M. Blatt said that we have talked with our Assessor and we need to do more research before we can make a decisions on this.

Another Resident stated that they live on Lobdell Road and there is a blight issue next door to their property. M. Blatt told them that they can go online and fill out a blight complaint and our Zoning Administrator will look into it.

Daltson Atwell stated that he is running for Michigan Senate, 26th District and he gave a brief summary of his background and qualifications.

CLERK REPORT:

Zoning Report - In February the Zoning Administrator issued one citation, one permit and one new complaint. He is also working on six other complaints. He also is requesting the Board to approve him to take the blight issue on Saginaw Road to the attorney for further action. Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by A. Prill to send the Saginaw Road blight issue to the attorney – motion carried.

Budget Amendments: The Board members were given a list of necessary amendments for the current 2025/2026 budget. Motion made by A. Prill, seconded by B. Blatt to approve the amendments as listed - motion carried.

Cemetery Caretaker contract – motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the 3-year contract for Zachary Stone for \$31,200 per year – motion carried.

2026/2027 Budget – Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by B. Blatt to approve the 2026/2027 proposed budget with the amendment of the updated cemetery caretaker contract amount – Motion unanimously carried.

Election Inspector Pay – A. Prill stated that the County Clerk and Early Voting Clerks met to update the early voting contracts and at this meeting it was decided that since minimum wage is going up to \$15 per hour that there should be an increase for election works. They have approved to pay election inspectors \$17 and election chairperson \$20 per hour. A. Prill wonders if we should increase our election worker pay so that they are making the same per hour whether they are working for the Township or the County. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by B. Blatt to pay election workers \$17 and election chairperson \$20 per hour – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of February 28, 2026, was \$352,419.66. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report made by B. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Received a bid to remove two trees at the Fremont Cemetery on the west side of Lobdell Road for \$600 per tree. Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the bid to remove two trees at the Fremont Cemetery for \$600 per tree – motion carried.

Road Report – M. Blatt stated that we received the bid for the Brown Road cutoff project. Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to approve the Brown Road cutoff project – motion carried.

Roadside Mowing – M. Blatt asked if anyone had any additional thoughts on the bids received for roadside mowing. R. Curell is in favor of two mowing per year. A. Prill stated that she did find out that the Road Commission gives \$1,000 flat rate credit for roadside mowing. It was questioned that since some of the other allowances provided by the Road Commission has increased that maybe the credit for mowing has increased also. Motion made by R. Curell to approve two cuttings, there was no second to the motion so the motion died on the table. It was decided to table this until next month to see if the credit from the Road Commission has increased or not.

A Resident asked if we have gotten any more information on Phelps Lake Road. M. Blatt stated that he has been talking with the Road Commission on this project and the first possible fix was very costly so they are looking for other options that may be more affordable.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 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 L. Prill
Fremont Township Clerk.