

Fremont Township Minutes
September 9, 2021

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on September 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Nick Seney, Greg Eggert, Jennifer Leitzel, Ken Bragg, Brandon Blatt, Jennifer Miller, Ida Barrons, Bill & Pam Raymond, Donald Clinesmith, John Welke, Bob DeCoe.

MINUTES:

Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the August 12, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented, including a check to Zack Stone for \$750 and Thumb Complete Home Repair for \$5,000, made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident questioned as whether or not the Township was going to do anything about the property south of Mayville and M. Blatt stated that the Board will be discussing that property later in the meeting. Another Resident questioned as to whether or not the Township had any authority over the restrictions for the Mayville Manor. M. Blatt stated that as far as he understands it, the restrictions on the Mayville Manor would be dealt with by the property owners in that subdivision. M. Blatt stated that the only authority the Township has in that area is regarding blight. Another Resident questioned as to what the Township's authority was regarding growing marijuana. M. Blatt stated that the Township has opted out of commercial growing. A. Holbrook stated that there was nothing the Township could do regarding residents growing it for personal use or as a medical caregiver. It was questioned as to who has the authority and M. Blatt stated that it would have to go through the Department of Agriculture. Another Resident asked what the Township's regulations were on fences and what could be done if someone was violating the ordinance. M. Blatt stated that he would contact the Zoning Administrator and have him go check out the property.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook stated that there will be an election on November 2nd. Absentee ballot applications will be going out in the mail within the next week.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of July 31, 2021, was \$352,599.32. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

Treasurer balance as of August 31, 2021, was \$366,384.74. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by K. Thom - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – M. Blatt would like to thank Arland Draper for all the work he has done repairing the historical headstones at the cemetery. M. Blatt mentioned that Arland did not want any money for the job but M. Blatt would like to at least get a plaque showing our appreciation. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by K. Thom to purchase a plaque – motion carried.

M. Blatt stated that there was one cremation burial this month. M. Blatt also stated that there were some trees that fell during the storm but the caretaker has already cleaned them up.

Road Report – Road Commission is going to start working on Schott Road and it should be done in the next couple of weeks. Then they will start working on Cat Lake Road. The gravel patching has been completed as well as the brush spraying.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt wanted to thank Ken Bragg for installing the new LED lights on the township hall. He asked if we should replace the remaining outside lights. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel to purchase the remaining needed LED lights – motion carried.

M. Blatt stated that the Zoning Administrator would like Board approval to contact the attorney regarding the blight issue on the Naugle property. It was questioned as to whether or not the property owner had been given enough opportunity to clean up the blight and M. Blatt stated that he has had plenty of warnings. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by M. Blatt to send the blight issue on the Naugle property to the attorney – motion carried.

H. Wymore stated that the walking bridge at the cemetery needs to be re-stained and possibly have a few boards replaced. He stated that he has someone willing to volunteer to do the staining but would need a couple more volunteers. R. Curell stated that he would meet H. Wymore at the cemetery and figure out what exactly was needed for the project.

H. Wymore also stated that the north side of the old cemetery has a lot of brush that is overgrowing a fence and some headstones. He stated that if we could get some volunteers we could get that cleaned up.

H. Wymore also stated that there are a couple of trees on the west side of the Fremont Cemetery that are hollow and will fall eventually. He stated that we should get them taken down before they fall down and damage some headstones. H. Wymore stated that there is the possibility of getting a grant for the work but he needed an estimate so he contact Kappen Tree Service and they are supposed to give him a price. H. Wymore also stated that there are some retaining walls that need to be repaired.

A Resident asked when the bids were due for the garbage contract and A. Holbrook stated that we had put it out for bids and the bids were due this week but we did not receive any. A. Holbrook is going to try to find addresses to some garbage companies and mail out the advertisement to see if we can get some bids.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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.