Fremont Township Minutes January 14, 2021

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on January 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, R. Curell, C. Franzel, A. Holbrook and K. Thom.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Greg Eggert, Ken Bragg, Pete Moceri, Gail Prill, Ida Barrons, Ken Bragg and Larry & Lisa Allison.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the December 10, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked how we were coming on getting the outside lighting fixed at the hall. M. Blatt stated that he has called and left messages at the company that installed the lighting but has not heard back from them so he is looking for another electrician.

CLERK REPORT:

Budget Hearing – A. Holbrook stated that we need to schedule the budget hearing. She stated that we usually have it immediately following the February regular board meeting and asked if we wanted to do that again. The board agreed to have the budget meeting immediately following the February 11, 2021, regular board meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of December 31, 2020, was \$295,235.73. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

Petty Cash – It was discussed again about not accepting cash at the Township. M. Blatt stated that cash payments can be made at the Mayville State Bank. C. Franzel stated that she had no objections to not accepting cash payments and she would prefer not to collect cash but would do whatever the board wanted. K. Thom stated that it made sense to have cash payments made at the bank because then it would be time stamped and recorded and protect both parties. A Resident asked if the bank would charge for doing this and A. Holbrook stated that they already collect tax payments and do not charge for that service. R. Curell asked about whether or not residents would be able to make partial payments because he knows that was a concern when this topic was discussed before. Another Resident asked if we would have no petty cash at the hall and M. Blatt stated correct. Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by K. Thom to not accept any cash payments at the township hall and to have all cash payments made at the Mayville State Bank and to deposit the current petty cash into the tax account. Roll call vote: K. Thom-yes, R. Curell-yes, C. Franzel-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Had three burials and sold two lots. M. Blatt thanked H. Wymore for his willingness to work with the cemetery records and lot sales.

Road Report – M. Blatt has talked with the Road Commission about what roads we need to work on with the next budget. M. Blatt stated that he is working on getting bids for roadwork on Cat Lake from Blackmore to Mead, Schott Road from Snover to Blackmore and O'Brien Road from Chambers to Washburn. We will also work on getting a price for doing some gravel patching. A Resident mentioned that they are still having problems on Waterman Road near the Bader Drain and that the road is washing away.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint Planning Commission member – M. Blatt stated that he would like to appoint Brandon Blatt to the Planning Commission. R. Curell asked how long he has lived in the township and M. Blatt stated about a year. A Resident asked if he was a property owner or renter and M. Blatt stated that he is a property owner. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to appoint Brandon Blatt to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term. Motion carried.

Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals alternate – M. Blatt stated that we need to appoint an alternate to the ZBA and that A. Holbrook was the alternate and he would like to appoint her to continue being the alternate. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to appoint A. Holbrook for a 3-year term. Motion carried. Treasurer office hours – M. Blatt has been asked if the Treasurer was going to have office hours. C. Franzel stated that she was thinking of holding hours on Thursdays from 1pm-6pm. However, she stated that from August to October she would have different hours because she helps coach volleyball and wants to continue doing that. A. Holbrook stated that we could post her hours on the website.

Board of Review Training – M. Blatt stated that all Board of Review members would like to go to the MTA training and that the training this year is virtual. A. Holbrook will sign them up and get them the information.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 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.