

Fremont Township Minutes
January 13, 2022

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on January 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: Theresa Bristol-Miller, Steve Walton, Greg Eggert, Bob DeCoe, Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Brandon Blatt, Jennifer Leitzel, Ken Bragg, Gail Prill, and Nick Osentoski.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by M. Blatt to approve the December 9, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented except for check 14564 for K. Thom, made by M. Blatt, seconded by C. Franzel - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wanted an update on the Naugle property and also would like more information on what the ARPA funds could be used for. They would also like the ARPA funds acronym spelled out so that residents know exactly what it is. ARPA is the American Rescue Plan Act.

H. Wymore mentioned that he keeps getting phone calls about office hours at the hall because there is a website that has the township address with incorrect office hours. A. Holbrook stated that she will try to figure out what site that is and make sure that the hours get corrected. Another Resident asked if the Board knew what the ARPA funds could be used for and C. Franzel mentioned that the County will be having a one-hour training to give us more information. Nick Osentoski stated that he heard the township might be looking for someone to do roadside mowing. He stated that he does roadside mowing for other townships and would be willing to give us an estimate for a 3 or 5 year contract. The Board asked if he would email us an estimate.

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 10, 2022, regular board meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of December 31, 2021, was \$455,729.89. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by M. Blatt - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Received the new signs for the Cemetery's and will get them installed when the weather warms up.

Road Report – M. Blatt spoke with the Road Commission Engineer and got all the paperwork turned in for the proposed roadwork for this year. He should have bids around March. He was also told that they are holding the price for O'Brien and Cat Lake Road since the Road Commission was not able to get those projects done in 2021. M. Blatt stated that he is getting a bid for putting gravel on Waterman Road from Leix to Washburn, Chambers Road from M46 to Waterman and on Chambers Road from Blackmore to Saginaw Road.

Appoint Planning Commission members – M. Blatt stated that he would like to reappoint Rose Ann Laskowski and Tyler Ireland to the Planning Commission. Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by M. Blatt to appoint Rose Ann Laskowski to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term. Motion carried.

Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by C. Franzel to appoint Tyler Ireland to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term. Motion carried.

M. Blatt stated that he talked with the attorney about the Naugle property and letters have been sent out and now we are just waiting out the necessary days to see if the blight issue will be cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt received information that stated that Fremont Township could become a Charter Township. M. Blatt would like to consult with the township attorney before we make a decision but all the research he has done does not look like it would benefit the township very much. Board decided to table this until the attorney was consulted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 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.