

Fremont Township Minutes
August 13, 2020

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on August 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, C. Sherwin, and R. Curell. Absent: None.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Greg Eggert, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Jennifer Leitzel, Ken Bragg, Ida Barrons, Gail Prill and Maggie Prill.

MINUTES:

Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell to approve the July 9, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident mentioned that the brush spraying looks terrible and wondered if it really did any good and what the cost was? M. Blatt stated that we were quoted a price of \$12,500.00 but will get \$2,500.00 of matching funds so it should only cost the township \$10,000.00. M. Blatt also stated that he met with the Road Commission and was told that every township in the County has a brush problem and do not have the money to take care of the problem. M. Blatt was told that if the township does a township wide brush spraying for five years that it will help the brush problem and make it more controllable. M. Blatt stated that it will look rough for a while but he has been told by the Road Commission that it will help. H. Wymore stated that he is glad that we are doing the township wide spraying because he had tried spot spraying and that didn't seem to help. Another Resident stated that he was not impressed with the roadwork that was done on Washburn Road but he understands that we get what we pay for. It was mentioned that we cannot afford to resurface all the needed roads and that the work done on Washburn road was considerably cheaper and will add 5-7 years to the life of the road. M. Blatt asked if this Resident would be for a millage to be able to maintain roads and this Resident stated that they would. C. Sherwin stated that if we did a road millage all the funds collected would stay in the township and be used for township roads. A Resident asked if the roadside mowing was complete. M. Blatt stated that it was. This Resident said that there is a portion on Chambers Road that looks like it has been missed. M. Blatt stated that he will check it out.

CLERK REPORT:

The Planning Commission has updated the Master Plan and has passed a resolution recommending that the Township Board approves the updated plan so that the Planning Commission can continue the process with a time for public review prior to final approval. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to table this until next month so they can have time to review the updated Master Plan – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of July 31, 2020, was \$336,155.17. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried. C. Sherwin also mentioned that last month it was commented about the amount of revenue sharing decreasing. He stated that as of right now the state sales tax collected is down by about 12% and so in the next few months we will see a decrease in our state revenue sharing.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Sold 6 cemetery lots. H. Wymore would like to get a printout of the new cremation cemetery layout to have framed and put up at the Township Hall with the other cemetery pictures. A. Holbrook will work with him on this to see what we can do

Road Report – M. Blatt stated that the brush spraying is complete as well as Washburn Road. The Road Commission should start doing the gravel patching within the next couple of weeks. M. Blatt also stated that the Road Commission has replaced five culverts so far and have two more to replace. He will have a list of the locations for us at the next meeting. M. Blatt also mentioned the portion of Snover Road east of Leix Road that is washing away. The Road Commission has been keeping an eye on it and they are unsure what is causing the erosion. In the next couple of weeks the road commission will close down that portion of Snover Road to dig up the road and figure out the cause so that they can fix the problem. The Road Commission also stated that once they get caught up and the weather turns cold they are going to start trimming any trees that are hanging over the roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt wanted to thank A. Holbrook for all the work that she does around the township and with elections. He stated that he was not aware of all the work involved until he became a board member.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 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.