

Fremont Township Minutes
May 12, 2016

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on May 12, 2016, at 7:18 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke & I. Barrons.

Guests: 27

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the April 14, 2016, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented along with a check for J. Welke & I. Barrons for attendance at the special meeting made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

CHRISTINE TRISCH (County Commissioner):

Stated that the Commissioners voted to approve up to \$9,000 for attorney fees to regarding the 660 acres of land on Chambers Road that the State wants to give them. The County does not own the property yet and they are not sure what the costs would be in either repairing or tearing down the current buildings. She stated that she voted against spending the money because she feels there are other things the money could have been better spent on. She stated that the jail needs some repairs and one of the county's buildings has a phone system that is over 25 years old that needs upgraded. She also stated that if the land is acquired it would be the county's responsibility to encapsulate the buildings because of the asbestos or to demo the buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident who lives on Waterman Road wondered what could be done regarding the marijuana greenhouses that are going up in their neighborhood. H. Wymore stated that he and Lyle have been in contact with the owners and also with the County and there is nothing that we can do about them. H. Wymore stated that the owner has all the proper permits and that approval comes from the State. Another Resident asked if the Township could put some kind of restrictions so that we could only have so many per mile like we did on the communication towers. H. Wymore stated that he would have the Planning Commission look into it. Another Resident suggested that we ask Senator Mike Green to attend our next meeting so that we can discuss it with him as it is a state issue; H. Wymore stated that he will ask him to attend. Another Resident asked if we have an ordinance regarding the wind turbines. It was stated that wind turbines have been discussed and that we do not think we would have a problem in our area because there are not too many open fields and we do not have the same amount of wind as the other areas.

JUDY RAYMOND:

She stated that some of what she wanted to talk about was the garbage collection costs being put on the taxes but since the previous meeting approved it, there isn't much she can say about it at this point. She was shocked to find out that the previous meeting was actually a meeting to vote on the special assessment. She thought the public hearing was just to see what everyone thought and that another meeting would be scheduled. She felt that the Board should have taken more time to review the signatures on the petitions. She also wanted to talk about the emergency siren. She stated that she was surprised at how much money was spent on the siren when it was all said and done. H. Wymore stated that we still saved a lot of money from the cost of a new siren. He also stated that it was tested last Wednesday and is working fine. Judy asked how far the siren is supposed to reach and H. Wymore stated that it is supposed to have a 2 mile radius. H. Wymore also stated that we could use four more sirens in

the township and Judy stated that is what she is worried about, she doesn't feel we need to be spending money on these sirens.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$311,666.83 as of April 30, 2016. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried. C. Sherwin also stated that he received a notice from the County regarding a foreclosure property (4528 Conrad Road). A. Holbrook and C. Sherwin looked at the property and feel that the township has no reason to purchase the property and we should let the County put it up for tax sale. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke that the township is not interested in purchasing the property and to let the County sell the property – motion carried. C. Sherwin also received a bill from the County Treasurer regarding money owed back to them from Board of Review changes; he will mail out a check to them from the tax account.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore asked the Cemetery Caretaker for a bid to repair four headstones at the Fremont Cemetery.

Road Report – Received the bid for paving O'Brien Road (Conrad to Leix) and it came back at \$113,680.10. The Road Commission did approve for us to pay half this year and half next year. J. Welke asked if we had enough in the budget to cover these costs as well as do some other projects, and it was stated that we will. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the bid for O'Brien Road – motion carried. H. Wymore also commented that we are planning on doing a township wide roadside brush spraying. If any residents do not want their property sprayed they need to contact the Road Commission to fill out a form and also they will be responsible to maintain their roadside.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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