

Fremont Township Minutes
May 14, 2026

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on May 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, R. Curell, A. Prill, C. Franzel and Brandon Blatt. Absent: None.
Guests: Ken Bragg, Greg Eggert, Tim Wingert, Jennifer Leitzel, Gail Prill, Michael Humphries, Brent Dankert (Road Commission Engineer), and Jason Root (Road Commission Superintendent).

MINUTES:

Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to approve the April 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills including check 16060 for \$500 made by A. Prill, seconded by C. Franzel - motion carried.

TUSCOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:

Brent Dankert the Tuscola County Road Commission Engineer gave the Board a presentation outlining five different preliminary options to fix the water problem on Phelps Lake Road. Options four and five seem to be the most viable options. All options included some open ditches and some piping. In the sections of piping the township would want to have strategically placed cleanouts along with a plan to have the drain pipe cleaned at least every five years. M. Blatt asked if there was any talk regarding the cost of such a project and Dankert stated that a very rough estimate at this time would be around \$200,000. Dankert stated that we could probably stage it out and do the tree cleanout for the open ditches and then later do the boring. B. Blatt stated that he likes the open ditch option because this will also help dry out the road.

Dankert also stated that they have submitted the application for the safety grant and should find out in August whether or not we are awarded the grant.

Also MDOT will be starting crack-seal roadwork on M24 south of Mayville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that out of the five options presented for Phelps Lake Road they think that option four is the best option.

Another Resident stated that they think the Board needs to look into finding a new township attorney because the Planning Commission is still waiting to hear from the attorney on proposed ordinance changes and the attorney has been difficult to get in contact with.

CLERK REPORT:

Zoning Report - In April the Zoning Administrator issued no citations and four permits. He is also working on a new complaint and continuing investigations on four other complaints.

Assessor Contract – Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by A. Prill to accept the assessor contract from Nathan Hager of Lapeer Appraisal, Inc for June 1, 2026 thru May 31, 2029, and to allow the Clerk to make the necessary amendments to the budget to reflect this contract. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, B. Blatt-yes, C. Franzel-yes, A. Prill-yes, and M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of April 30, 2026, was \$416,194.08. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by A. Prill, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

Accepting credit cards – the Treasurer has been talking with other township treasurers regarding accepting credit cards at the township and they met with a vendor to get more specifics. She stated that if we go through this vendor there would be no cost to the township and there could be a link added to the website so that the residents could pay their property taxes online along with any other items such as permits, cemetery lots, etc. Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by A. Prill to have the treasurer setup and account for the township to be able to accept credit card payments. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, C. Franzel-yes, A. Prill-yes, B. Blatt-yes, and M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

Bank Interest Rates – the Treasurer has also been looking into interest rates because currently our general checking and revenue accounts are only making 1.5% interest. Frankenmuth Credit Union offers a 2.5% interest rate. The Treasurer was informed that it looks like Mayville State Bank will be merging with Tri County Bank so she reached out to them and they told her that once the merger took place they would match the 2.5%, however, they do not have a specific date for the merger at this time. The Board decided to stay with Mayville State Bank at this time and see how things go once the merger happens. M. Blatt also asked C. Franzel to see if Mayville State Bank will match the 2.5% interest rate.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Cemetery Caretaker was able to get the two trees taken down at the Fremont Cemetery and also cleaned up one tree limb that was hung-up from the storm.

Road Report – M. Blatt stated that he received an estimate from the Road Commission for township wide brush spraying for \$10,000. Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the estimate for brush spraying – motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by A. Prill, seconded by C. Franzel – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 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 L. Prill
Fremont Township Clerk.