Fremont Township Minutes December 13, 2012

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on December 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, & I. Barrons. Guests: 15

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the November 8, 2012, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

BEN STEIN (Forester for Tuscola County): He explained what his job would be and that he is available for questions and to assist residents with managing their forest property. He will also be holding workshops and distributing publications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wanted to know what is happening with the property on Saginaw Road that has a lot of junk outside. C. Sherwin stated that the property has been sold but that there is a problem with the property description on the taxes so the purchase will not be finalized until that is cleared up. Lyle Fryers stated that once the purchase is finalized, he will be talking with the new owners about cleaning up the property. This Resident also wanted to know what they are doing in the road right of way. C. Sherwin explained that it is fiber optic cable being put in for the phone company. Another Resident asked what all the heavy equipment is parked by the hall. H. Wymore explained that it is from the company putting in the fiber optic cable.

CLERK REPORT:

DTE fire run – There is a tentative date set for mediation but no time has been set yet so John Bishop will let us know when the date and time is finalized.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$153,738.80 as of November 30, 2012. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried. Treasurer also commented that he has been informed that the BS&A system that the Assessor is using will no longer be supported by BS&A as of November of 2013 and that we will need to upgrade the Assessor's program. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to move forward with the upgrade and amend the budget to allow for the funds – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: Roof has been replaced on the building at the cemetery. Also, J. Welke was told that the culvert near the walk to the memorial is bent and should be fixed. H. Wymore also commented that there has been a record number of burials this year.

Road Report: Have gotten all the property owners to sign the necessary paperwork for the work on Waterman Road to be done. Kappen will be able to start working on the project as soon as they get the permit from the Road Commission.

Board Appointments: Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to appoint Barb Fowler, Matt Blatt, Ron Curell, and Hobart Putman (alternate) to the Board of Review for a 2 year term – motion carried. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to appoint Amy Holbrook (4 year term), Rose Ann Laskowski (3 year term) and Tyler Ireland (3 year term) to the Planning Commission – motion carried. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by I. Barrons to appoint Jim Holmes to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term – motion carried. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to appoint Tyler Ireland to the Board of Review as an alternate for a 2 year term – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

During the January meeting we will have a company here to talk to us about updating our tax maps. H. Wymore received a letter from the Tuscola County EDC asking the township to sponsor them again this year for \$650. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to give the EDC \$650 – motion carried. H. Wymore received a notice stating that there will be a seminar on Oil & Gas Leasing on January 10th at the Tuscola Technology Center from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and it is open to the public.

J. Welke gave H. Wymore the name of someone to do the brush mowing and H. Wymore will contact them and get some information for the next meeting.

The headstone footing that was discussed at the last meeting has been completed.

<u>BILLS</u>: Motion to pay the bills including check number 11450 for \$220 to Riegle Press and check number 11451 to the Tuscola County Road Commission for \$21,822.25 by J. Welke seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 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