

Fremont Township Minutes
May 14, 2020

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on May 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: Theresa Bristol-Miller, Greg Eggert, Cheryl Sherwin, Gail Prill, Ken Bragg, Ida Barrons, Jen Miller, and Craig Blue.

MINUTES:

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

BILLS: Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Sherwin, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CLERK REPORT:

Working on getting things ready for the August election and waiting to see what changes will be made, if any, to the election process.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of March 31, 2020, was \$281,431.33. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by A. Holbrook - motion carried. Treasurer balance as of April 30, 2020, was \$164,895.97. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried. C. Sherwin mentioned that we have around \$16,000 in the reserve account that we could transfer into our current budget but he would recommend that we leave it in the reserve account because according to the State Treasurer the revenue sharing will be down at least 10% this year. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by M. Blatt to not transfer any money into the current budget – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – One burial this month. Gary Haas called to let the township know that there will be no Memorial Day parade or cemetery services but that the Veterans will still be placing flags at the cemetery.

Road Report – All gravel roads have been graded once and the Road Commission will be doing some touch-ups on them and start brining them on Tuesday, weather permitting. M. Blatt also talked with the Road Commission about the township wide brush spraying and they think it will cost around \$10,000 and we will also get the \$2,500 matching funds. M. Blatt stated that the Road Commission will begin patching on Washburn Road within the next 7-10 business days.

Roadside Mowing – M. Blatt stated that the Road Commission put out an ad to get a list of possible contractors for roadside mowing but they are leaving the criteria up to the Townships. M. Blatt stated that he thinks the criteria should be 5' from the edge of the road, all intersections mowed back 10' and completed between June 15th to July 1st. R. Curell asked if 5' from the edge of the roads was enough because some of the roads have 2' of gravel on the shoulder. J. Welke stated that he was concerned about that also and he wondered if we should have it done later. The Board decided to set the criteria to be to mow 5' of vegetation, all intersections mowed back 10' and completed between July 1st – July 20th. Bids will be due by June 10th. M. Blatt was asked by the Road Commission whether or not we will be doing any gravel patching as it is something we have always done. The Board will discuss this at next months meeting after we see what we have left in the budget for roadwork. M. Blatt stated that the ditch work is completed on Chambers Road at no cost to the township. M. Blatt also stated that he talked with the Road Commission regarding the tree removal that was done under the grant and he was told that the County does not have anything to do with that but they have been in contact with the tree removal company and they are supposed to come back through and repair the areas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Today the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to open up Tuscola County. M. Blatt stated that Kim Vaughan (County Commissioner) has requested that the township board passes a resolution showing their support of the County Commissioners. Be it resolved, that as of May 14, 2020, the Fremont Township Board supports the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Resolution R2020-04 to move Tuscola County forward. Motion made to pass the resolution by C. Sherwin, seconded by M. Blatt. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, J. Welke-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, and C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 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.