

**Fremont Township Minutes
January 11, 2024**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on January 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: A. Prill, R. Curell, C. Franzel and Kyle Thom. Absent: M. Blatt. H. Wymore, Deputy Supervisor, stepped in to run the meeting in M. Blatt's absence.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Greg Eggert, Ed & Debra Lesko, Doug & Judy Terbush, Ken Bragg, Brandon Blatt, Tyler Ireland, and Gail Prill.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell seconded by C. Franzel to approve the December 14, 2023, meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented, by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident commented that they are having noise issues with one of their neighbors. They have contacted the police department and they have told them to come to the township to see if there is a noise ordinance. H. Wymore stated that the request would have to go to the Planning Commission. This Resident stated that they have big issues with the neighbor playing loud music all night and shooting off guns in the middle of the night. Jerry White (Zoning Administrator) stated that some townships have a timeframe that is specified as quiet time but at this time our township does not have a noise ordinance. He also stated that this is the second noise complaint that he has gotten in the last four months. K. Thom told this Resident that he would bring up this issue at the next Planning Commission meeting. Another Resident stated that they are not in favor of a noise ordinance. They stated that there should not be a noise ordinance that would affect everyone just because of one person causing problems. They stated that if we had a noise ordinance then people could not have a party for the 4th of July or other holidays or people could get in trouble for starting to work too early in their yard. They feel it would create more problems.

Greg Eggert (Planning Commission Chairperson) questioned as to why the new Planning Commission member did not have a check to be approved for the last Planning Commission meeting. A. Prill stated that she is waiting to get their payroll paperwork and they would get paid next month.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Prill gave the Board the report from the Zoning Administrator. He had one noise complaint for a Special Land Use owner working after authorized hours and this noise complaint has been resolved and he issued no citations or permits.

Budget Meeting – A. Prill stated that we need to schedule the budget meeting which usually takes place after the February regular board meeting. The Board agreed that we should hold the budget meeting after the regular February 8th meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of November 31, 2023, was \$580,058.42. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made A. Prill, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

C. Franzel stated that she it has been brought to her attention that there is a property owner that has been double charged for the fire assessment on their taxes since 2017. C. Franzel thinks that they should be reimbursed for the overpayment. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to refund \$175 for the double charge of the fire assessment on parcel 011-015-000-1600-00 – motion carried.

C. Franzel also stated that she talked with Mayville State Bank and the reason that they ask for social security numbers when someone pays cash to pay their property taxes is because they are required to do so if someone brings in over \$1,000 in cash. A Resident stated that they do not feel this should be required because the Township has an agreement with the Bank to collect property taxes. This Resident stated that people's social security numbers are supposed to be protected and they should not have to give it to someone at a bank just because they want to pay their property taxes.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Had only one burial this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

K. Thom stated that the Planning Commission is making progress on possible allowing shipping containers. They have worked out some parameters and are waiting to hear back from the Township Attorney so that we can get the Public Hearing scheduled.

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 Prill, Fremont Township Clerk.