Fremont Township Minutes September 8, 2016

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on September 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, & I. Barrons. Absent: J. Welke Guests: 12

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the August 11, 2016, meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that since the Road Commission has cleaned out the drain at Schott & Phelps Lake Road their property has been flooded. The Road Commission cleaned out the drains to the tile that runs across his property but that tile has been broken and the water will not pass through it. This Resident feels that if they are going to drain the water to that tile then they should be responsible for maintaining the tile. H. Wymore stated that he would talk to the Road Commission and see if there is something they can do but he does remember talking to the Drain Commission 3-4 years ago and they said that they had no jurisdiction for that tile because it was on personal property and not part of the county drain system. Another Resident questioned as to what the pension/retirement check was for that was listed on the bills. A. Holbrook stated that it is payment for the retirement plan for the board members and zoning administrator that was put into place several years ago. This Resident stated that they wanted a copy of this plan and A. Holbrook stated that it would take some research but that she would get a copy for them. Another Resident stated that Waterman Road where the Bader drain crosses washes out every time there is a lot of rain and the Road Commission just keep coming in and pushing the gravel back onto the road. This Resident wondered who paid that cost and H. Wymore stated that the Road Commission pays for that because it falls under maintenance. A Resident stated that last month the Board tabled the discussion of removing the dead ash trees on Blackmore Road and this Resident feels that the Board should consider whether or not they will do this, because once they start removing dead ash trees from one road then more people will want the dead trees removed on their road.

CLERK REPORT:

The Clerk received information from the Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management stating that the Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan has met FEMA's required criteria for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. The next step in the process is for local units to also adopt this plan. Motion made to adopt the Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan made by H. Wymore, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$255,838.31 as of August 31, 2016. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Township Hall Appraisal – The Clerk received notice from the insurance company stating that they wanted to increase the value of the township hall to \$398,027 unless the township wanted to get their own appraisal. H. Wymore called around to get prices and it will cost between \$1,500-\$2,800 to get an

appraisal. H. Wymore thinks that we should have an appraisal done and then maybe get quotes for insurance from different companies. C. Sherwin stated that he would also like to see it appraised so that we can get estimates from other insurance companies. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to have the Township Hall appraised – motion carried.

Cemetery Report – Sold one cemetery lot this month.

Road Report – Road Commission was supposed to have started on O'Brien Road the end of August but they have not started yet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked if it would make more sense to have other insurance companies give us a quote for insurance before we have the appraisal done. It was commented that we could get quotes after we have the appraisal. Another Resident stated that we should be getting estimates from insurance companies at the same time that we are getting our appraisal.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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