Fremont Township Minutes April 11, 2013

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on April 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, & I. Barrons. Guests: 11

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the March 14, 2013, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

CHRISTINE TRISCH (County Commissioner):

Christine wondered if there was anything that she could help the township with. J. Welke asked her who was in charge of the Mosquito Abatement. She said that they have their own people but that the County controls the money and approves their budget. J. Welke stated that he heard that they were cutting back on some of the services at the Mosquito Abatement. Christine stated that she had not heard that and she had just recently received a report from them and would forward it on to the Board. H. Wymore asked her about the emailed letter that he received from Mike Hoagland regarding the DTE fire bills. She stated that they are hoping to meet with someone from DTE and see if they can come to an agreement with them so that DTE will agree to pay the Township's the requested price when the fire department is called out. H. Wymore also asked her some questions on the tax mapping. Christine also mentioned that the next Commissioners meeting is April 24th at 7:30 a.m. and that everyone is welcome.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wondered why members of the other boards (Planning Commission, ZBA, etc.) do not attend the township meeting. This resident feels that they should be required to attend. This Resident also commented that there are several places around the township that have a lot of junk outside and something needs to be done about it. Another Resident asked why when they click on the minutes on the website it automatically downloads the PDF instead of opening it. A. Holbrook said she would look into it. This Resident also asked how many of the roads in the township were closed because of water problems. H. Wymore commented that only Ambrose Road is closed. A Resident asked if there was any more information on the possible tire pickup day. H. Wymore said that he is unsure at this time if the township will participate because due to the changes with the tire collection this year we may have a lack of possible volunteers.

CLERK REPORT:

The mediation date for the DTE case is April 25th. Since only the attorneys and mediators are allow in the room during mediation, our attorney will call H. Wymore afterwards to let him know what was decided.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$220,658.55 as of March 31, 2013. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: Some trees have been removed from the Fremont Cemetery and the stumps will be removed as soon as the weather permits.

Road: H. Wymore received a letter from a Resident requesting that the Hearing Impaired Child signs be removed from Phelps Lake Road and placed on O'Brien Road because they have moved. The Road Commission will move the signs for a fee, plus one of the signs was stolen so it will need to be replaced. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to have the Road Commission move the signs to O'Brien

Road and to replace the stolen sign. H. Wymore also commented that all the brush & tree removal has been completed on Waterman Road. He did get an estimate from the Road Commission to do the ditching in that area and the cost would be about \$35,500. He also received a price from the Road Commission on resurfacing the oldest mile (Blackmore Road from M24 to Lobdell Road). The cost would be around \$45,000 for chip & seal or \$65,000 for bit map. The Board discussed the road projects at length and decided to table this until next month so that the Board members would have a chance to go out see Waterman Road. H. Wymore should also have an estimate from a company on roadside mowing for next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore will not be able to attend the May 9th meeting. The Board discussed having the meeting on the scheduled date or if we should move it to a different date. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to move the May Board meeting to May 16th at 7 p.m. – motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills by J. Welke seconded by I. Barrons - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 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