

Fremont Township Minutes
February 14, 2019
Budget Workshop

The budget workshop for the Fremont Township Board of Trustees was held on February 14, 2019, immediately following the regular township board meeting at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, C. Sherwin, J. Welke and M. Blatt. Guests: Jennifer Leitzel, Ken Bragg, Greg & Judy Eggert, and Cheryl Sherwin.

Called to order at 8:55 p.m.

Revenue:

Board discussed the proposed revenue and it was mentioned that we are receiving more in property taxes and admin fees because of the rate of inflation and we are also receiving more from state revenue sharing due to the economy doing better and the state receiving more sales tax.

Expenses:

M. Blatt asked if we could put money in the budget for the parking lot and H. Wymore stated that we can start putting money aside for that purpose. C. Sherwin stated that due to the fact that we have always had money left over after our budget year, we do have some money in the reserve account that we can use for that purpose. He will have an actual number for us next month of how much we have to spend.

Supervisor's expenses: H. Wymore requested that we increase his allowance for education to \$600 so that he can attend a cemetery seminar that will be coming up this year.

Clerk's expenses: A. Holbrook stated that everything was good. H. Wymore asked if A. Holbrook was going to request a raise and A. Holbrook stated no. M. Blatt stated that he felt she was underpaid and H. Wymore agreed. H. Wymore made a motion, seconded by J. Welke to increase the Clerk's salary by \$600 per year. M. Blatt stated that he still felt that was not enough and would like to see it increase by \$1,200 per year. J. Welke rescinded his motion. M. Blatt made a motion, seconded by H. Wymore to increase the Clerk's salary by \$1,200 per year - motion carried with all members voting yes.

Treasurer expenses: C. Sherwin stated that he would also like an increase of \$1,200 per year and would also like to decrease his computer admin expenses from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to increase the Treasurer's salary by \$1,200 per year – motion carried with all members voting yes.

Cemetery expenses: H. Wymore asked if the Cemetery Caretaker had requested an increase and A. Holbrook stated that he has not mentioned it to her. M. Blatt stated that he feels the Caretaker is underpaid. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to increase the Cemetery Caretaker contract by \$1,200 per year - motion carried with all members voting yes. It was questioned as to why there is an item in the cemetery expenses for flags and holders. It was mentioned that these are for the veterans and the American Legion places the flags every year but the township purchases the flags and holders. Ken Bragg questioned if there was a way to make sure that the holders do not get mowed over because when he collected flags last year some of the holders were in pretty rough shape. H. Wymore stated that he will mention it to the Caretaker.

Drain expenses: It was mentioned that we could eliminate the line item for drain maintenance because they only money we would be paying for drains would come out of the drains at large. It was decided take the amount budgeted for drain maintenance and move that into drains at large so the amount budgeted to drains at large will be \$600.

Road expenses: The amount for chloride was increased to \$18,000 to allow for the increase in costs. The amount for road building was changed to \$135,000. Roadside mowing was increased to \$18,000 to allow for the amount approved in the bid.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Amy Holbrook, Fremont Township Clerk