

## **Fremont Township Minutes**

**June 11, 2020**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, J. Welke, A. Holbrook, and R. Curell. Absent: C. Sherwin.

Guests: Henry Wymore, Greg & Judy Eggert Ken Bragg, Jennifer Leitzel, and Ida Barrons.

### **MINUTES:**

Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell to approve the May 14, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

### **BILLS:**

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident asked if the emergency siren was still not working. A. Holbrook stated that we have the new part installed but it needs to be programmed and we are working on that. J. Welke said that tomorrow or Monday he would be contacting the company that installed the siren to see if they can help us program it. A Resident also questioned that we may not be getting as much state funding if we should still be doing the Washburn Road project. M. Blatt stated that he heard that if there is a decrease in state funding it should only be 10%.

### **CLERK REPORT:**

While doing the yearly review of the pension plan A. Holbrook was informed that R. Curell did not qualify for the pension program because our plan is only for elected Township Board members and he was appointed. A. Holbrook was told that if the Board passes a resolution to change the eligible participants for the group pension plan to All elected and appointed Township Board officials then R. Curell could be included along with any future appointed board members. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by A. Holbrook. Roll call vote: A. Holbrook-yes, M. Blatt-yes, J. Welke-yes, R. Curell-abstain. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

None

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Garbage – M. Blatt has received many phone calls from Residents that have had their garbage not picked up. He has called Gary from Republic and was told that they have a new driver but they would get out there the next day to pick up the missed garbage. M. Blatt stated that he will be calling Republic again. J. Welke stated that we need to let them know that this is unsatisfactory.

Cemetery Report – M. Blatt received notice from Wayne Nelson (Cemetery Caretaker & Sexton) that he is resigning. Wayne told Matt that he would continue doing the Sexton job until we can find a replacement but he could not guarantee that he would be able to mow the cemetery. M. Blatt stated that he was approached recently by someone who was interested in the positions and had wondered when the contract would go up for bid again. M. Blatt stated that this person may be willing to step in for the same rate that we are currently paying. M. Blatt is going to check to see if this guy is interested and he is also going to check with MTA to see if we need to put it out for bid now or if this guy can take over the remainder of the contract (till March 2021). If necessary, A. Holbrook will put it out for bid. We also had 2 burials this past month.

Road Report – Wedging has been completed on Washburn Road. They also found a bad culvert and are going to replace that before the roadwork gets finished. The chip & seal for Tuscola County will start the second week of July, so Washburn Road should be done some time in July. M. Blatt received a price from the Road Commission for spot gravel. The cost would be between \$6,000-\$6,500 for 500 ton. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt to approve the bid for spot gravel – motion carried.

Roadside Mowing – We have 2 bids for roadside mowing. One was received prior to putting the ad in the newspaper and the other was received afterwards. The first bid does not specify what would be mowed and the second bid specifies our guidelines. The guidelines placed in the newspaper were to mow 5' of vegetation and all intersections mowed back 10' and completed between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell to accept the bid from Thumb Complete Home Report for roadside mowing in the amount of \$5,000.00 – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 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.