

**Fremont Township Minutes**  
**February 13, 2020**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on February 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, C. Sherwin, and R. Curell. Absent: None.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Greg & Judy Eggert, Gail Prill, Ida Barrons, Ken Bragg, A Representative from the Odd Fellows Club, Doug Daniels, Bill & Judy Raymond, Cheryl Sherwin, and Victoria Bennett.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by R. Curell to approve the January 9, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

**BILLS:**

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin - motion carried. M. Blatt wanted to thank Henry Wymore for fixing the front door locks on the Township Hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident stated that they know that we are going to be working on the budget tonight and they are recommending that the Clerk and Supervisor receive raises this year because our township is the fourth largest in the county and our Clerk and Supervisor are underpaid. Another Resident mentioned that since they live on a road that is on the township border their section of road is maintained by a neighboring township. This Resident would like to have the township they live in to be the township that maintains their road. They are not sure when it was put into place which township took care of what part of the boundary roads but they would like it checked into because the ditches near their home need cleaned out and the neighboring township is not doing anything about it. M. Blatt stated that he would talk with the other Supervisor. C. Sherwin stated that he thought that on border roads the townships are still responsible for the ditching on their side of the road even if the bordering township is responsible for the actual road. M. Blatt stated that he would check into this.

**DOUG DANIELS:** (Greater Thumb Real Estate)

Doug stated that he has a corporation that has put in an offer on a building in the township and that corporation wants to grow medical marijuana and hemp. He wondered what the Township's position was regarding medical marijuana. M. Blatt stated that at this time our Township has passed an opt-out ordinance. Doug stated that he has three different companies interested in a parcel in the township and they all have some part to do with medical marijuana and/or hemp and he would like the township to consider all options. M. Blatt stated that the township has opted-out so those businesses cannot come into the township.

**CLERK REPORT:**

PA116 – Have received a PA116 application (application # 012019) . We have received a recommendation from the Tuscola County Planning Commission and Tuscola Conservation District to approve the application. Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke to approve the PA 116 application (#012019) – motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance as of December 31, 2019, was \$317,786.74. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt - motion carried. Treasurer balance as of January 31, 2019, was \$343,007.85. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by A. Holbrook - motion carried.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery Report – Cemetery Caretaker is still working on cleaning up the trees at the North Grove Cemetery. We had 1 burial in January. H. Wymore recommended that we put up a privacy fence on the north west corner of the Fremont Cemetery to help stop having debris and old grave blankets being tossed onto the neighboring person's property. He also stated that it would open up a few more cemetery lots in that area. It was mentioned that we will discuss this when we work on the budget. A Resident stated that they do not want a privacy fence put up in that area of the cemetery because they have a spouse buried there and they do not want to look at a privacy fence, they would recommend we do something a more tasteful.

Road Report – M. Blatt talked with the Road Commission and is still waiting for the estimates for the ditching. He also mentioned that DTE is going to be doing some tree trimming in our area and that DTE also mentioned that all their workers will have ID badges.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

M. Blatt received information in the mail regarding cemetery mapping and cemetery data keeping and he wondered if the Board was interested in looking into it. He stated that he thinks what we currently have is good but if the Board was interested we could look into this option but it is very pricey.

M. Blatt also mentioned that someone from the Odd Fellows Club still has not received a trash can at their property on Snover Road. C. Sherwin stated that he has dropped off two trash cans at that location and the Representative from the Odd Fellows Club stated that they do not have any. C. Sherwin stated that he would give him one after the board meeting.

J. Welke mentioned that it has been brought to his attention that a Resident that had a house fire is having trouble getting a permit to rebuild because they have two dwellings on one parcel. It was mentioned that our current ordinance does not allow two dwellings on one parcel but they could ask for a variance or split the property to be able to rebuild. C. Sherwin stated that we have seven other properties on the township that have two dwellings on one parcel. M. Blatt asked Ken Bragg (Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman) what their options were and Ken stated that he would talk with Lyle Fryers and get back with them since their property does have the second dwelling deeded off from the main dwelling.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 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.