

**Fremont Township Minutes
December 12, 2024**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on December 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, A. Prill, R. Curell, C. Franzel and B. Blatt. Absent: None.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Greg Eggert, Ken Bragg, Tyler Ireland, Gail Prill, and Terry Blackmer.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell seconded by C. Franzel to approve the November 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by B. Blatt, seconded by A. Prill - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wanted to thank the Treasurer for sending out tax bills to escrow accounts. Henry Wymore (member of the Planning Commission) stated that there is a blight problem in our township and people keep calling him about blight issues but they do not want to put the complaint in writing. He stated that he does not think they should have to put it in writing because it is our job to make sure our ordinance is followed and that is why we have a zoning administrator. He stated he has had three different call on a property on Saginaw Road but the residents do not want to put it in writing for fear or being singled out or retaliation. M. Blatt stated that we need the complaint in writing so that if the situation goes to court we have documentation to back up what we have done and why. He also stated that the residents have said that they are getting nowhere with the board, however none of the board members have received calls regarding blight on Saginaw Road. A. Prill stated that when H. Wymore receives these calls he needs to direct the people to call the township hall. We all have voicemail if we do not answer our phones and we will call them back.

CLERK REPORT:

Zoning Report – In November he issued three permits, no citations or complaints. He is still working on the blight complain on Mertz Road and per the township attorney if the owner does not comply before January 6, 2025, legal action will resume.

Fee Schedule – A. Prill stated that on the fee schedule it has a note that states that all special meetings call for by an applicate have an additional \$500 charge. So does the Board want to leave the special land use and variance request fees the same if the applicant will wait until the next scheduled regular meeting and then if the applicant does not want to wait and wants a special meeting there would be the additional \$500 cost. This additional cost for a special meeting would cover the costs. The Board thought that was a good idea. M. Blatt asked if there were any additional changes needed on the fee schedule. There was discussion on increase the land use permit, building permit, and parcel combine/split permit. Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to increase the land use permit to \$20, pole barn building permit to \$20, dwelling building permit \$50, parcel combine/split permit to \$60, and to leave the special land use permit at \$350 and variance request at \$250 if held at a regular scheduled meeting with an

additional \$500 charge if required to hold a special meeting. These fees will be effective immediately – motion carried. A. Prill stated that the fee schedule will be updated and added to the website.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of November 30, 2024, was \$125,379.76. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by B. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – had a few burials this past month and the caretaker has the cemetery all cleaned up for the year.

Road Report – M. Blatt stated that all road work is wrapped up and the road commission is just working on keeping the roads clear of snow and ice when necessary. He also stated that if anyone has any roads that they would like the Board to consider roadwork on for next year to please let him know because he is working on getting the work orders turned in to the road commission before the first of the year. It was also mentioned that there are several trees in the road right-of-way that need cleared out. M. Blatt stated that we have not received final numbers on the Washburn Road project yet and that will determine how much money we have to spend on road work this next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

R. Curell asked who weeds around the township hall and it was mentioned that it has been volunteers. C. Franzel stated that she tried to find some kids that would want to help but did not have any luck. M. Blatt stated that he thinks in the spring we need to take bids on re-landscaping around the hall. We have not had any updates since the hall was built and he thinks it would be a good idea. The board agreed to obtain bids closer to spring 2025.

R. Curell also asked when the next payment will be due to the Road Commission for the Washburn Road project. M. Blatt stated that we have not gotten the final bill yet.

M. Blatt wants to thank Henry Wymore for filling in for him last month.

B. Blatt wants to thank all those that worked the election. A. Prill stated that she really appreciates those that work the elections; it was a long day but things went very smoothly.

Appoint Planning Commission Members - M. Blatt stated that we have two positions on the Planning Commission that are up for renewal for a 3-year term. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by A. Prill to re-appoint Tyler Ireland, and Rose Laskowski to the Planning Commission - motion carried.

Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals – M. Blatt stated that we have one position on the Zoning Board of Appeals that is up for renewal for a 3-year term. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by B. Blatt to re-appoint Jim Holmes to the Zoning Board of Appeals – motion carried.

Appoint Board of Review – M. Blatt stated that we have to re-appoint the Board of Review for their 2-year term. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by A. Prill to re-appoint Jennifer Leitzel, Greg Eggert, Theresa Miller, and Tyler Ireland (alternate) to the Board of Review – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 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 Prill
Fremont Township Clerk.