

Fremont Township Minutes
July 11, 2024

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on July 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Ken Bragg, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Joshua Miller, Jennifer Leitzel, Tyler Ireland, Dwight Uhl, Gail Prill, Greg Eggert, and Nick Osentowski.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell seconded by C. Franzel to approve the June 13, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills including check 15405 for #65.51 for emergency siren phone line, by C. Franzel, seconded by B. Blatt - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Greg Eggert (Planning Commission Chair) stated that at Tuesday's Planning Commission they discussed about renewable energy and ordinances for them. He stated that he did some research and also Kim Vaughn (County Commissioner) is doing research. It looks like this is something that they want townships to get together on and also need County involvement. He wondered what the Township Board thought regarding renewable energy.

CLERK REPORT:

Zoning Report – In June he issued five building permits, no citations and no complaints. He also contacted the Township Attorney regarding the complaint discussed at last month's meeting. Public Accuracy Test for testing the voting equipment is July 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Hall.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of June 30, 2024, was \$223,657.48. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made A. Prill, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – M. Blatt wanted to thank Arland Draper for all the work he is doing on cleaning and repairing the historical markers at the Fremont Cemetery. M. Blatt would like to reimburse Arland Draper \$127.68 for cleaning supplies. Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the reimbursement for \$127.68 – motion carried. M. Blatt received a bid for installing the cemetery signs. Cost for material and installation with treated material is \$400 and with vinyl post sleeves is \$580. Motion made by A. Prill, seconded by B. Blatt to approve the bid for \$580 to have the cemetery signs installed – motion carried. M. Blatt stated that he also received a bid for removing four trees at the Fremont Cemetery at \$800 per tree for a total of \$3200. R. Curell asked if the stumps would need to be ground and M. Blatt stated that if needed but he was told they would be cut as low to the ground as possible. Motion made by B. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to approve the bid for tree removal for \$3200 – motion carried. M. Blatt wanted to thank Zach Stone for the great job that he is doing as cemetery caretaker.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Act 660 audit (assessing audit) – M. Blatt stated that we received a perfect score on this State audit and he would like to thank Joan Fackler (Township Assessor) for all her hard work.

M. Blatt stated that he received a mailing from FEMA regarding flood-plan management, if any of the Board wanted to look at it.

Drop-box for Zoning Administrator – M. Blatt stated that our Zoning Administrator would like a drop-box at the hall. A. Prill had gotten some prices. The Board discussed if we should replace all drop-boxes since the current ones are about 15 years old. Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by B. Blatt to order four new drop-boxes – motion carried.

M. Blatt stated that next year we should look into getting someone to work on the flower beds around the township hall. C. Franzel stated that she was working on getting kids from the honor society that need to have community service hours to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 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.