

Fremont Township Minutes
October 14, 2021

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on October 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: A. Holbrook, R. Curell, M. Blatt, and C. Franzel. Absent: K. Thom

Guests: Bob DeCoe, Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Greg Eggert, Bob Houle, Ida Barrons, Gail Prill, Ken Bragg, Tom & Ellen Turner, Bobbie Sommer, and Brandon Blatt.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the September 9, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wanted to know if there was an update on the trash collection contract. M. Blatt stated that we would be discussing that later in the meeting. Another Resident wanted to request that if that special land use is approved for Usko Farms on Brown Road that a 25 mph speed limit sign be placed on Leix Road between Saginaw and Brown Road. M. Blatt stated that he has talked to the Road Commission and was told that if the Board wants to approve this sign then it would go to the Road Commission for their final approval. M. Blatt asked the Resident if they wanted an answer tonight or if they wanted to wait to see the outcome of the special land use. The Resident stated that they were good with waiting. A Resident was at the meeting to find out what he needs to do because he has received a notice to remove a pallet fence that he put up. M. Blatt told him that he would have to talk to the Zoning Administrator about this. Another Resident wanted to know what was going on with the blight issue on Schott Road outside of Mayville. M. Blatt stated that the Zoning Administrator was still working on getting this resolved. We did receive a bill from the township attorney for drafting a letter to send to the property owner but we have not gotten any more updates.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook would like to start requiring that the Zoning Administrator gives the Board a monthly report of the citations and permits written as well as any other complaints received during the previous month. She stated that we do not always know when he has written citations until he comes to the Board wanting to turn it over to the attorney. She feels this way the Board could be more informed and hopefully be able to answer resident's questions when they come to the Board meetings wanting to know what is happening with different blight issues. M. Blatt asked if we were going to have a specific form for him to fill out or if we wanted him to just send us an update. A. Holbrook stated that she could develop a form and email it to the Board members for their approval. Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by A. Holbrook to have the Zoning Administrator give us a monthly report including citations written, permits given and any other complaints. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, C. Franzel-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, and M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of September 30, 2021, was \$335,981.17. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Sold 5 lots in the new cemetery and 2 lots in the old cemetery. Also had 3 cremation burials. M. Blatt wanted to comment on what a nice job Arland Draper is doing to repair the historical grave markers. C. Franzel wanted to let everyone know that they did get the grant submitted and should hear something in the next couple of weeks. However if they do not get the grant they can reapply every quarter.

H. Wymore commented that they are selling lots in the cremation cemetery but that it is hard to tell where the boundaries are so they would like to put posts in at the four corners of that section. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by R. Curell to allow the Cemetery Sexton to purchase four 4x4's to mark the four corners of the cremation cemetery – motion carried. M. Blatt also mentioned that they are looking for some clean fill dirt for a corner of the cemetery so if anyone knows of some, please let either him or Wayne know. Road Report – M. Blatt stated that Schott Road is almost completed. He also stated that the Road Commission is not going to be able to do the chip and seal on Cat Lake Road and O'Brien Road because they cannot get the chemical needed to complete the job. They stated that our price is locked-in and they will do the job next year. All other roadwork is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt stated that we received two bids for garbage pickup. Republic put a bid in for \$12.85 year one, \$13.24 year two, \$13.63 year three, \$14.04 year four and \$14.46 year five per month / per unit. We also received a bid from the Tazmin Group for \$37.50 per month / per unit. C. Franzel stated that she has been very happy with Republic. R. Curell asked if we needed to vote on this tonight and A. Holbrook stated that we either need to decide tonight or at the November meeting because the current contract is up the end of November. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by C. Franzel to approve Republic's bid for trash collection for the next five years. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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.