

## **Fremont Township Minutes November 10, 2011**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on November 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, J. Meyer, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, and I. Barrons. Guests: 14

### **MINUTES:**

Without objection or correction the October 13, 2011 minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

### **TOM KERN (County Commissioner):**

Gave an update on the County's ORV Ordinance – they are currently working on one and will probably vote on it in January. It would allow ORV's to be driven on the side of certain roads. Townships however can make an ordinance to regulate which roads can be driven on and block up to 30% of their roads. There will be a public hearing at some point to discuss this. He also stated that they have been asked about driving snowmobiles on the roads and that ruling was changed at the State level to make it legal to drive on the sides of the roads but not state roads. He also stated that the County has finally settled down on all the office moves.

### **STEVE ERICKSON (Tuscola County EDC):**

He stated that he is the new Chairman for the EDC since Don Beavers has stepped down. He also gave out information listing the EDC Board Members, a list of services and also their budget. He explained what the EDC does and how they can help business in the area and bring new businesses.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident asked if the township has paid for the roadside spraying yet – A. Holbrook stated that they have paid for half but not the entire amount. This resident stated that it is very obvious that the company that did the spraying didn't do the job they were supposed to. H. Wymore stated that he has talked to the Road Commission about this several times.

### **CLERK REPORT:**

A. Holbrook was contacted by a lady whose brother's headstone footing at the North Grove Cemetery was damaged when a tree fell down. This lady wanted to know if the township was going to have it fixed. A. Holbrook asked the Board if she should turn this into the insurance. J. Welke asked what the deductible would be – A. Holbrook stated she didn't know that she still needed to contact the insurance. The decision was made for Paul Thompson to give an estimate for the repair and A. Holbrook will get information from the insurance and it will be discussed at next month's meeting.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance was \$78,512.18 as of October 31, 2011. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery – had 1 burial and have 1 burial pending. Cemetery Rules – Board discussed making changes to the Cemetery Rules. Changes needed are to remove the “of” in court of order in #13 and to add a #14 that reads “The township is not liable for personal property left at the cemetery (i.e. shepherd hooks, plants, plant holders, statues, etc.) Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by A. Holbrook to make the above mentioned changes – motion carried.

Lights – received an estimate from Paul Thompson for putting lights in the back parking lot for \$1,305. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the lights – motion carried.

Road Report – H. Wymore checked out the possible settling on East Blackmore Road and it seemed ok to him. He has also asked the Road Commission for an estimate to blacktop O’Brien Road.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

H. Wymore has received a resignation letter from J. Meyer effective today. The Board stated that they are going to miss her when she is gone and thanked her for her service to the township and gave her a certificate of appreciation. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to accept the resignation – motion carried with 3 yes and 1 no. The Board discussed the possibility of having J. Meyer input the tax update from Connie and print the tax bills and also train the new treasurer. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to contract J. Meyer to process and send out the tax bills and help train the new treasurer and she will be paid the current amount but pro-rated for the days that she works – motion carried. A Resident stated they really appreciated the job that she has done and that not just anyone can fill her shoes. This Resident also stated that J. Meyer attended the Board of Review meetings and was always a big help when Connie Lipka (Assessor) had to step out of the room. It was also commented that J. Meyer worked hard to get the taxes processed in house and we should make sure and keep it that way.

H. Wymore stated that he did receive two resumes from people interested in the treasurer position and that the Board has two options – they can either appoint someone tonight or run an ad for resumes in the paper and have a special meeting to appoint a treasurer. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by A. Holbrook to post the position in the Tuscola County Advertiser, Mayville Monitor and on the township website and to have resumes returned by November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Board will hold a special meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to appoint a treasurer – motion carried. A Resident stated that we needed to make sure that the person coming in is capable of doing the job because the Treasurer job has more to it than most people know. Another Resident stated that they are afraid that the people who will apply for the job have shown no interest in the township prior to this (i.e. attend the meetings). This Resident stated that we need to find someone who is qualified but also someone who will support the township residents.

J. Welke mentioned that at the North Grove Cemetery there is a cemetery marker that looks like it has been hit by a vehicle or something. It is at the NW corner of the driveway and he would like to see maybe a post put up on that corner so that it doesn’t happen again. A. Holbrook stated that something needs to be done because we cannot have a stone being run over. Board decided that a post could be put in. A Resident did ask if maybe we should put up some cement curbs at the driveway corners in the cemetery.

### **BILLS:**

Motion to pay the bills made by A. Holbrook seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 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