Fremont Township Minutes December 12, 2013

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on December 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, & I. Barrons.

Guests: 8

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the November 7, 2013, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CLERK REPORT:

The Assessor asked that the Township Board adopt a Policy and Procedure for the Public Inspection and Copying of Public Records in Lieu of Customary Business Hours as it is part of the requirements for the upcoming audit. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to adopt the policy as provided by the Assessor – motion carried. Fire Protection Ordinance – Received a draft copy from the Attorney. It was suggested that in Section 1.01 it be changed to require residents to obtain a burn permit excluding bonfires contained in a ring. The question was asked as to what would define a bonfire. A. Holbrook will ask Gary Howell regarding this question. C. Sherwin also mentioned that in Section 5.01 the civil fine should be raised to \$100 instead of \$50. J. Welke thinks the \$50 is sufficient because it does state \$50 plus costs and other sanctions. I. Barrons also agreed with J. Welke. It was also mentioned that in Section 5.03 it should be changed from 30 days to 90 days. A. Holbrook will talk with Gary Howell regarding the above changes and have him get us a final copy to approve at the January meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$175,264.86 as of November 30, 2013. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore received some prices from Wayne (Cemetery Caretaker) regarding the cost to put up some type of fencing on the corners of the North Grove Cemetery so that vehicles cannot drive on the cemetery lots. This would be a project to be completed next spring. The cost for each corner would be \$105 for cedar split rail fence. H. Wymore suggested that the Board members go to the cemetery and take a look at it. Cemetery Rules – Wayne looked over the suggested changes to the Cemetery Rules and had no complaints. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the suggested changes to the Cemetery Rules – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore received an email regarding a free All-Hazards Preparedness class that will be held in Caro. He stated that all the Board members are invited to attend.

Fire Contract – each Board member had been given a copy of the draft Fire Contract provided by Gary Howell. J. Welke asked if it will be passed on to the Village for review. Since not all the Board members had been able to review the draft, it was decided that we will table this until next month then give a copy to the Village to review.

Lyle Fryers (Zoning Administrator) gave an update on the permits that have been issued in the last year. Sixteen building permits have been issued; one permit for a new house build, one permit to replace a modular home that burnt and others for additions, decks, pole building, etc.

BILLS: Motion to pay the bills by H. Wymore seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 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