

Fremont Township Minutes
March 11, 2021

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: Bill & Judy Raymond, Greg Eggert, Terry Blackmer, Ken Bragg, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Pete Mocerri, Ida Barrons, Zach Stone, John Welke, and Barb & Randy Valentine.

MINUTES:

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the February 11, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented - motion carried. Motion made by R. Curell seconded by K. Thom to approve the February 11, 2021, budget meeting minutes as presented – motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Franzel, seconded by K. Thom - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Zach Stone (Cemetery Caretaker) stated that he has taken down five trees at the cemetery and still has two more to go. M. Blatt asked if there were other trees that were going to need to be taken down and Zach stated that most of the trees are in bad shape. He also stated that there is one tree that is close to the power lines and he will take that tree down free of charge; he just needs the board to give him the ok.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook stated that at last months budget meeting there was proposed pay increases and the Board needs to approve them each individually with a roll call vote. The Board also needs to approve some 2020/2021 budget amendments and then approve the 2021/2022 budget.

Deputy Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer pay raise – Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by C. Franzel to increase the Deputies pay from \$1,000 per year to \$1,200 per year. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Election Inspector and Election Chairperson pay raise – Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by R. Curell to increase the Election Inspector pay from \$10 per hour to \$13 per hour and the Election Chairperson pay from \$11 per hour to \$14 per hour. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Assessor's Contract - Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel to increase the Assessor Contract to \$26,275 per year. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk pay raise - Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to increase the Clerk's pay from \$11,980 per year to \$15,500 per year. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments: The Board members were given a list of necessary amendments for the current 2020/2021 budget. Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by M. Blatt to approve the amendments as listed. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

2021/2022 Budget – Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the 2021/2022 budget as presented. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of February 28, 2021, was \$292,412.51. Motion to accept the treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by K. Thom - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – No burials this month.

Cemetery Caretaker Contract – Posted an ad in the Tuscola County Advertiser and only received one bid.

Bid received was from the current caretaker (Zach Stone) for \$18,600 per year for the next three years.

Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to accept the bid from Zach Stone for \$18,600 per year for the next three years. . Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C.

Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Road Report – M. Blatt received a bid from the Road Commission for Schott Road from Snover to Blackmore. M. Blatt would like to wait to make a decision on this project until we get all the bids back for the other projects that we are looking at for the year. Board decided to table this until next month when we have all the bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Contract – Barb Valentine (Village President) gave the board members copies of the Fire Department budget and also the proposed fire contract. Terry Blackmer gave the board an update on the plans for the fire department and why they are asking for the 3% increase. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by M. Blatt to go into close session to discuss the contract – motion carried. Township Board went into close session at 8:12 p.m. Closed session ended at 8:15 p.m. and the regular board meeting was resumed. Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by R. Curell to approve the three year Fire Contract as presented. . Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 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.