

Fremont Township Minutes
April 13, 2023

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on April 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: A. Holbrook, R. Curell, M. Blatt, C. Franzel, and K. Thom. Absent: None.

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Brandon Blatt, Ken Bragg, Greg Eggert, Gail Prill, Kim Vaughan, Jennifer Leitzel, Jameson Thom, and Ida Barrons.

MINUTES:

Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the March 9, 2023, meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident mentioned that during the Board of Review meetings they were having trouble with the copy machine in the conference room and we may want to look into having it repaired or replaced. Another Resident asked if we were planning on having a tire collection and M. Blatt stated no.

CLERK REPORT:

A. Holbrook gave the Board the report from the Zoning Administrator. He issued no citations and four permits.

A. Holbrook stated that she talked with Burnham & Flower and with the Township Attorney about terminating the pension plan. Burnham & Flower stated that we would need to pass a resolution and also send them a letter of intent and that the current people enrolled in the plan would need to fill out a form to either withdraw their money or have it rolled-over into a personal pension account. The Attorney looked over the resolutions and said that everything looked good if that was the route the Board wanted to take. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the Resolution as presented to terminate the pension plan for the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, and M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

A. Holbrook mentioned that we would also need to pass salary resolutions if we wanted to transfer the 25% that was going into the pension into the board member's salaries.

Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the Trustee Salary Resolution as presented to increase the salary by 25%. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, and C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve the Supervisor Salary Resolution as presented to increase the salary by 25%. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Franzel-yes and M. Blatt-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by C. Franzel, seconded by M. Blatt to approve the Clerk Salary Resolution as presented to increase the salary by 25%. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, and C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by K. Thom to approve the Treasurer Salary Resolution as presented to increase the salary by 25%. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, K. Thom-yes, M. Blatt-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, and C. Franzel-yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of March 31, 2023, was \$767,372.14. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made K. Thom, seconded by A. Holbrook - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Had one cremation burial this month and have one more this weekend.

Road Report – Road Commission will not be brining the roads until the week before Memorial Day. Also M. Blatt received an update from the Road Commission on Washburn Road and that road is going to need a lot of base before we can re-surface the road so this will be a project that we will have to look at completing next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Blatt received a request from Krystal Lake Campground to approve them to have fireworks again this year for the 4th of July. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the fireworks for Krystal Lake – motion carried.

Republic Trash Service – M. Blatt was informed that we have a new contact for Republic and if any residents need additional garbage cans to have them call Republic and they will get one delivered to them. M. Blatt also mentioned that the fiber internet company hit our sewer clean-out pipe while installing the cable. A. Holbrook said that she was told they were going to hand-dig since it was near our septic. A. Holbrook stated that she would get in contact with the company regarding the repair.

Blacktop bids – M. Blatt received two sealed bids for blacktop for the hall parking lot. M. Blatt stated that he contact four different companies for bids and all the companies stated that we would want 4" of asphalt wherever the garbage truck would be driving to empty the dumpster so M. Blatt asked the companies to bid both 3" and 4" of asphalt. The first bid opened was from Esch Landscaping for \$59,984.00 for 3" asphalt. The second bid opened was from Astec Asphalt for \$46,913.47 for 3" asphalt or \$56,500 for 4" asphalt. Esch Landscaping did not give a start date but Astec Asphalt stated that the job would be completed in August. It was mentioned that there is the possibility of having an election in August so we may have to adjust that date if we went with that company. R. Curell looked at the quotes and mentioned that both companies quoted the same square footage. The Board members stated that if we are spending the money we should go with 4" so that the parking lot lasts longer. Motion made by K. Thom, seconded by R. Curell to approve Astec Asphalt's bid for \$56,500 for 4" asphalt contingent upon it being completed after the August election but no later than October 1, 2023. Roll call vote: C. Franzel-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, M. Blatt-yes, K. Thom-yes, and R. Curell-yes. Motion carried.

M. Blatt wanted to thank Greg Eggert for taking the time to figure out why our emergency siren was not working and for fixing the siren so that now it works as it should

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 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.