

**Fremont Township Minutes**  
**July 13, 2023**

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

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

Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Greg Eggert, Ken Bragg, Gail Prill, Pete Moceri, Johnny & Tina Smith, Walter Lybeckyj, and Tisha Lick,

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by R. Curell seconded by C. Franzel to approve the June 8, 2023, meeting minutes as presented - motion carried.

**BILLS:**

Motion to pay the bills as presented including a check for Greg Eggert and the Tuscola County Advertiser and also voiding the check for Kyle Thom made by C. Franzel, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident stated that they live at 1290 W. Brown Road and they have a blight issue with their next door neighbor. This Resident provided the Board with pictures so that they would understand where they are coming from and they are not complaining but they want it to be cleaned up. Blatt stated that the Zoning Administrator is working with this property owner and the property owner is working on cleaning up the blight and that as long as progress. Another Resident asked what the charge is for flags in the payables report. A. Holbrook stated that it is a bill to the American Legion for the flags that are placed on the veterans graves at the cemetery. This Resident also asked if we had made any progress switching the emergency siren phone number to the new phone company. A. Holbrook stated that she is still working with them on this.

**CLERK REPORT:**

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

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance as of June 30, 2023, was \$660,657.95. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made A. Holbrook, seconded by R. Curell - motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery Report – Flags were placed at the Fremont Cemetery for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the cemeteries looked nice for the holiday. The caretaker has removed one more tree and still has one more to remove. Had two burials this past month.

Road Report – The Road Commission finished all the gravel work and gravel patching. The Road Commission stated that our roads are in good shape. M. Blatt is still waiting to hear if the Road Commission will let us carry the balance for the Washburn Road project for two years. M. Blatt wondered what the Board's thoughts were on the options given for that project and the Board all agreed that option 3 was the best option for our money and the life of the road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

M. Blatt stated that he and A. Holbrook met with the Fire Chief and the Dayton Township Supervisor and Trustee to discuss the upcoming Fire Contract renewal. The Fire Chief was upfront about the deficit that the Fire Department is facing and the need to increase the per section cost in the next contract. They are

suggesting \$1,291 per section. M. Blatt explained that with this new contract there would be no more charges for fire runs we would just be charged one flat contract price. Once we ran the numbers the cost will not be much different than what we have been paying when you add the contract price along with the cost of the fire runs. Currently we are paying almost an additional \$10,000 out of the general fund to cover fire runs. The Fire Chief will be submitting a proposed contract for the Board to review. In the meantime the Board needs to discuss options to cover the additional cost. We can increase the fire assessment by 3% each year without having to take it to a public hearing but at that rate we would never recoup the cost. We could also have another public hearing and increase the fire assessment to be \$30 or \$32 per parcel and that would cover the cost of the fire contract. M. Blatt also suggested that the Board looking into Act 33 which would assess each property on a percentage of the value instead of being a flat price per parcel. R. Curell stated that he would rather pay \$30 or \$32 per parcel than have it be a percentage. M. Blatt stated that he would ask the Assessor to attend our next meeting so that she can explain how Act 33 works and then the Board can decide.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 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.