

**Fremont Township Minutes
February 12, 2026**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on February 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: M. Blatt, A. Prill, R. Curell, B. Blatt, and C. Franzel. Absent: None.
Guests: Henry & Carolyn Wymore, Theresa Bristol-Miller, Greg Eggert, Nick Osentoski, Sam Palmeter, James McLoskey (Tuscola County EDC), Kim Vaughan (Tuscola County Commissioner), Ken Bragg, Tyler Ireland, Michael Humphries, and Gail Prill.

MINUTES:

Motion made by B. Blatt seconded by R. Curell to approve the January 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented – motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented along with check 15975 for \$225 for Tuscola County GIS made by C. Franzel, seconded by B. Blatt - motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked what the invoice for Pivot Point Partners was for. A. Prill stated that it is the yearly subscription fee for one of the assessor's programs.

KIM VAUGHAN (Tuscola County Commissioner):

K. Vaughan stated that he was just checking in to see how things were going and if anyone had any questions. K. Vaughan did state that the County Commissioners are working on ballot language for the upcoming August election to disband the Road Commission's elected board and bring it back under the county control. He stated that this is something that has been on his bucket list to do since he took office in 2016. It was asked if they were going to have an appointed board and He stated that it was unsure at this time if they would go to an appointed board or just have it under the control of the County Commissioners. M. Blatt asked if it would be possible to leave the Road Commission Board as is but split the County into districts and have the members serve certain districts. K. Vaughan stated that he thinks this could have been done back in 2010 when the County Commissioners switched from an appointed board to an elected board but it was not done at that time.

TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST:

Sam Palmeter of Laser Marketing Technologies, LLC. explained that they currently employ 25 people and are looking to add an addition on their current building located on M46 and with this expansion they plan on adding at least 5 more employees. James McLoskey of the Tuscola County EDC stated that they are asking the Board to schedule two public hearings regarding approval of a tax abatement. The first public hearing would be to discuss establishing an Industrial Development District and the second public hearing would be to discuss the approval of the tax abatement request. The Board agreed to set both public hearings on March 12, 2026, one at 6:40pm and the other at 6:45pm. J. McLoskey stated that he would work with A. Prill to get the public hearing notices published as well as all the information needed for these meetings.

CLERK REPORT:

Zoning Report - In January the Zoning Administrator issued one citation, one permit and is working on six complaints.

Poverty Exemption Resolution – A. Prill gave the Board a copy of the Poverty Exemption Resolution for 2026. This Resolution needs to be passed every year prior to the March Board of Review meeting.

Motion made by R. Curell, seconded by C. Franzel to approve the Poverty Exemption Resolution as presented. Roll call vote: R. Curell-yes, B. Blatt-yes, C. Franzel-yes, A. Prill-yes, and M. Blatt-yes. - Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance as of January 31, 2026, was \$275,070.91. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report made by B. Blatt, seconded by A. Prill - motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – The Cemetery Caretaker contract is up for renewal the end of March. Our current caretaker would like to continue with the position and will be turning in a bid.

Road Report – M. Blatt stated that he is still working on Phelps Lake Road but will be waiting until spring to have the surveyor assess grade. He also has a meeting scheduled with the Road Commission’s Engineer next week and will be discussing their suggestions for Phelps Lake as well as other projects.

M. Blatt stated that we received an email from Wilkinson Solutions regarding our dust control program.

He stated that he knows that the cost for using Bay Dust is more expensive but he feels the product is better as we are not getting as many complaints about dust and the application seems to last longer. B.

Blatt stated that he has traveled other roads and he is happy with our current company. C. Franzel and A. Prill agreed that they are also happy with our current company. Board decided to continue with Bay Dust for our dust control.

M. Blatt stated that we received a bid for our roadside mowing. We were given two different options one for single cutting and one for two cuttings. There was an option for either a 3 or 5 year contract and the price would stay the same for whichever is chosen. A. Prill stated that we do get an allowance from the Road Commission but she was unsure of the amount and if it was per cutting or just one lump sum. The Board discussed all options and decided to table this until next month so that they can review the budget and decide which option would be best.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 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 Prill
Fremont Township Clerk.