

**Fremont Township Minutes
October 10, 2013**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on October 10, 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: 6

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the September 12, 2013, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

CHRISTINE TRISCH (County Commissioner):

H. Wymore stated that Christine called him prior to the meeting to let him know that she was hoping to make it to the meeting but may not because she had to attend one of her other townships meetings. Christine wanted everyone to know that the October 17th Commissioner meeting time has been changed to 5:30 p.m. in hopes that more people would attend the meeting. All public is welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

CLERK REPORT:

PA116 – Have received a PA116 application and it has been recommended by the Tuscola County Planning Commission and the Tuscola County Conservation District that the application be approved. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to approve the PA 116 application – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$174,692.31 as of September 30, 2013. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried. Also, C. Sherwin has recently found out that it is possible for the township to place past due fire run bills on the property owners taxes. There is a resolution that will need to be passed and some forms figured out prior to being able to do this, but C. Sherwin and H. Wymore will be meeting with the township attorney tomorrow to start the process. C. Sherwin also mentioned that he has been getting a lot of NSF checks this year and when this happens the bank charges the township \$5 per returned check. C. Sherwin would like to be able to charge a \$25 fee on all returned checks. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to charge a \$25 fee for any check returned for insufficient funds. J. Welke asked if there was any way to wait to make sure the checks cleared before doing a tax disbursement. C. Sherwin stated that there is not because per the state he has to do a disbursement every 15 days. I. Barrons stated that she does not think charging a fee will solve the problem because people that have NSF checks probably do not have the money. H. Wymore asked if there was any more discussion and since there was not he called for a vote – 4 yes, 1 no – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore stated that we need to update the cemetery rules and that they will have more information regarding the possible changes at the next meeting. H. Wymore stated that he thinks that we need to have some wording on the paperwork stating that the township and sexton are not responsible for any damage to a headstone or footing if it has to be moved for a burial. H. Wymore stated that while he and C. Sherwin are meeting with the township attorney tomorrow that he will also ask him about this.

Road Report – Road Commission should start the gravel patching in the next week or so. Also the Road Commission would like to know if the township is planning on paving or re-surfacing any roads next year. H. Wymore stated that the oldest mile is Blackmore Road from Leix Road to Chambers Road. However, he

would like to see if they would approve of the township doing Blackmore Road from M24 to Conrad Road because there is a culvert that is collapsing and needs to be repaired in that section of road. H. Wymore also stated that Hunt Road has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore received a notice from FEMA stating that the insurance rate is going to be raised for anyone that has flood insurance. If you would like more information regarding this you can go their website at www.mi.gov/floodplainmanagement.

Planning Commission met on Monday and set their meeting dates of 2014. The dates are January 6th, April 7th, July 14th and October 6th.

J. Welke mentioned that he will not be able to attend next month's meeting. H. Wymore asked if we wanted to move the meeting to the week before. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by A. Holbrook to change the November board meeting to November 7th at 7 p.m. – motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills including check number 11750 for Ameriheat for \$125 by C. Sherwin seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

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