

**Fremont Township Minutes**  
**March 8, 2012**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, and I. Barrons. Guests: 5

**MINUTES:**

Without objection or correction the February 9, 2012, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident wondered if the Township would consider allowing the hall parking lot to be used for a farmer's market type setting. Another Resident was concerned that people would leave vegetables lying around to rot and also wondered about the liability. Another Resident commented that they are not sure it would be necessary because there is one in Caro and also a Flea Market on the corner of M24 & M46. Another Resident stated that they think it would be a good idea. H. Wymore stated it is something that could be looked into.

**CLERK REPORT:**

Budget – Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the 2012/2013 Budget. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes, Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance was \$140,429.37 as of February 29, 2012. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery Report: Received 2 complaints on Monday because of damage from the vault company driving across the lawn and leaving tracks because of the ground being soft. From now on H. Wymore will let the Funeral Homes know that the vault companies will be responsible for any damage. J. Welke stated that he feels the sexton should have filled the ruts created by the vault company when he was at the cemetery filling the grave. H. Wymore would like to have a few more headstones repaired again this year. J. Welke suggested that we wait until around June to get an estimate for that. H. Wymore will also get a price to put crushed stone down on the Cemetery driveway.

Road Report: Road Commission has approved placement of stop a-head signs at the intersection of Blackmore & Leix Road at no cost to the township. Also received a letter from the Road Commission regarding replacement of the culvert on Blackmore Road between M-24 and Maier Road at a cost of \$2,000 to the township. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by A. Holbrook to approve the replacement of the culvert – motion carried. H. Wymore has received complaints on Conrad & O'Brien Road that the water is not draining and about the ditching on Chambers Road as well as the water problems on Lobdell Road and also Phelps Lake Road east of Schott Road. H. Wymore received a notice from the Road Commission regarding resurfacing the oldest road which is Blackmore Road between Lobdell and Schott Road. The Board discussed the \$25,000 allowance from the Road Commission and which roads are considered the worst. H. Wymore will contact the Road Commission and get an estimate for resurfacing two different half-miles and also an estimate for chip & seal of those same half miles.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Master Plan – the Planning Commission has reviewed the Master Plan and made a recommendation to the Board that we approve the Master Plan with no changes. H. Wymore suggested that we table this until next month's meeting after he and some of the Planning Commission members attend a meeting regarding the Saginaw Bay Watershed. The board decided to table this until next month.

Mayville Police Chief requested to speak at the next township meeting so he will be on the April agenda. Board of Review will meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Commission will meet on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Speaker System for Hall – H. Wymore talked with a business in Caro about installing a speaker system at the hall and they said they could install one for about \$2,500. A. Holbrook asked about looking into a price for amplifying headsets that individuals could use which could be purchased for less expense. The Board will check into this and discuss it at the next meeting.

C. Sherwin stated that in the current budget it was approved to increase the Clerk's salary. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to increase the Clerk's salary \$500 per year. Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, and I. Barrons-yes, Motion carried.

C. Sherwin brought up some proposed banking account changes. Motion made C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke, to cap the cemetery fund at \$20,000.00 and move it to a higher earning money market or CD account and re-fund the account as needed when used. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes, and H. Wymore-no, motion carried. C. Sherwin will research CD rates and bring it back to the board at next month's meeting. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to approve combining the three reserve accounts into one master reserve account. Roll call vote: A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes, I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, and H. Wymore-yes. Motion carried.

J. Welke asked if the board was going to discuss changing the pay for the cemetery caretaker to monthly. H. Wymore stated that he feels it should have been paid monthly and that is why he recommended that last year. The board discussed the reasons for this. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to divide the caretaker pay into twelve months and pay him April thru March – motion carried.

Trees removed at the Cemetery – C. Sherwin recommended that the stumps from those trees be ground down. J. Welke stated that some of the stumps are close to headstones and those may not be able to be ground but may have to be sprayed. H. Wymore will try to get an estimate for grinding the stumps.

**BILLS:** Motion to pay the bills made by I. Barrons seconded by A. Holbrook – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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