

**Fremont Township Minutes
February 9, 2012**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on February 9, 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: 8

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the January 12, 2012, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CLERK REPORT:

Budget Amendments – Clerk gave Board members a list of necessary changes for the current 2011/2012 Budget amendments. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the budget amendments as listed – motion carried.

PA116 application - received a letter from the County Planning Commission and the Tuscola Conservation District saying that they recommended approval of this application. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to approve the PA 116 application – motion carried.

Need to adopt a resolution & ordinance regarding the NFIP flood maps. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to pass the Ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code and the Michigan Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program – motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$135,582.00 as of January 31, 2012. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: Request by Cemetery Caretaker – C. Sherwin stated that he cannot see giving an increase of \$2,400 because there have been complaints and he cannot justify the increase until the performance level increases. Paul Thompson stated that he has all his own equipment and the cost for maintaining that equipment keeps going up. C. Sherwin stated that Paul is the one that submitted the bid and that the Board is under no obligation to give an increase. J. Welke stated that he is not in favor of giving a raise at this time and he wanted to know if Paul thought he could do a better job this coming year. Paul suggested that the Board give it until July and see if his performance is better and bring up the increase then. A Resident commented that maybe the Board could consider a 2% (or some percent) increase to cover the rise in gas prices. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to revisit this subject at the July meeting and decide then – motion carried. Paul Thompson commented that there are some big ash trees at the Fremont Cemetery that need to be taken out but they are in the power lines. H. Wymore stated that he will contact DTE about having someone come out. Paul also stated that there are some trees at North Grove that need to be removed.

Road Report: Received a map from the Road Commission that shows all the township roads. H. Wymore contacted the Road Commission regarding the corner of Blackmore & Leix Road. The Road Commission is going to research this corner and give the Township their recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lyle Fryers (Zoning Administrator) has been working with the owners of the burnt house on Mertz Road, south of Saginaw Road. He has issued them citations and the owners sent him a letter stating that they will have it cleaned up by August 30th or sooner. J. Welke stated that we want to work with the home owners but we have given them several options and if we give them until August, this will be the last straw. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to table this until the September meeting to see if it is cleaned up – motion carried. Lyle Fryers will contact the homeowners and let them know that they have until August 30th to clean this up and if they don't, legal action will be pursued.

H. Wymore received a letter about the possibility of the Township doing another tire collection offered through the Mosquito Abatement. Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by C. Sherwin to send in the necessary paperwork to apply for the tire collection.

Microphones – H. Wymore commented that the township may want to consider purchasing some sort of microphones so that everyone attending the meetings can hear what is being said. J. Welke stated that you can purchase amplifying headphones that could be used. J. Welke will check on the price of these headphones and let us know at the next meeting.

BILLS: Motion to pay the bills made by J. Welke seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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