

Fremont Township Minutes October 11, 2012

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on October 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, C. Sherwin, J. Welke, & I. Barrons.
Guests: 7

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the September 13, 2012, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ken Bragg (Planning Commission Chairman) stated that on September 18th there was a Special Land Use meeting for Marlette Oil & Gas Company to put in a gas station/convenience store/restaurant on the corner of M24 & M46. This was approved with the stipulation that they could only install one primary sign (instead of the 2 they requested) unless they receive a variance. They have requested a variance and the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on October 22nd.

CLERK REPORT:

DTE fire run – DTE wanted their attorney involved so we could not take this to small claims court. John Bishop (township attorney) has been notified and is going to represent the township on this. John Bishop said that it will probably go to mediation and he wondered if the Board would be willing to settle for anything less, currently DTE owes the township \$2,850. J. Welke stated that he thinks we should settle for no less than the \$2,850 and the cost of the attorney fees. C. Sherwin agrees with J. Welke but also thinks we should allow John Bishop the leeway to negotiate as needed and for what he thinks is best. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to allow John Bishop to settle for what he thinks is best but understanding that the board would like to receive no less than \$2,850 and the cost of attorney fees if possible – motion carried.

Clerk will be out of the office on October 17th. However absentee ballot applications are still available outside the township hall or on the township website at www.fremonttownship.org.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$143,139.50 as of August 31, 2012. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried. Treasurer also commented that taxes payments have started to slow down.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: Sold \$200 worth of lots this month. Also the well has been repaired at the cemetery.

Road Report: We did not receive any bids for Waterman Road. H. Wymore will contact Kappen and see what they would charge. H. Wymore also received a letter from the Road Commission requesting a list of possible projects for next year. H. Wymore also wondered if we should look into roadside mowing for this year. J. Welke will talk to the Rich Twp. Supervisor and see what they paid, A. Holbrook will contact Watertown Twp. and H. Wymore will contact Kappen. H. Wymore also received a price from Creative Lawn & Landscaping for plowing the township hall parking lot for \$75 for the first 3” and \$20 for each additional inch. Board agreed to have them do the slow plowing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lyle Fryers issued a ticket to the owner of the burnt-out house on Mertz Road and the owner met with Lyle and claimed they have been working on getting it cleaned up. Lyle gave them 30 days to get it cleaned up.

BILLS: Motion to pay the bills, including a check for \$250 to BS&A and a check for \$500 to Kitchen & Stump Well Drilling, made by C. Sherwin seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 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