

Fremont Township Minutes October 8, 2015

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on October 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke & I. Barrons.

Guests: 34

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the September 10, 2015, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Township Resident mentioned that they understand there is a lot that goes into making a decision regarding contracts but they wanted everyone to be aware that in September a child was playing on one of our local roads and a truck pulled up and the man inside tried to get that child into the vehicle. The mother called the sheriff's department and was told that if it happens again to give them a call. No officer was sent out regarding this issue. Another Township Resident stated that they are against the police contract. Another Township Resident stated that they called the non-emergency number and had a state police officer show up in 3 minutes. That officer told them that if we had a contract, they would not have received the call as quickly because it would have been sent via the cell phones and not the radio for the closest officer to respond. A Member of the Village Council mentioned that recently on their way home they saw 3 state police officers and this person doesn't think that the township needs the Mayville police to patrol. This person also feels that the Village would be paying more for the Township to have coverage. A Resident of the Village of Mayville stated that they already don't see the Mayville Police in the Village enough and if they start patrolling the Township then the Village Residents will never see the officers. Another Township Resident stated that they don't feel we need to pay extra for police coverage because we are already paying for County & State police coverage. Another Township Resident stated that they feel this would be an unnecessary expense for the Township because we already have coverage. A Mayville Village Resident stated that they agree with what everyone is saying. They feel that the police need to be in the Village of Mayville and not in the Township. The State and County should patrol the Township. They feel we should leave it as it is. A Township Resident asked how much we paid for the previous contract and A. Holbrook stated that it was on an as needed basis and the cost was \$26.26 per hour. This Resident asked how many times we used the previous contract and A. Holbrook stated twice. This Resident also commented that the September minutes stated that we were going to consult the Township Attorney and they wondered what the response was. H. Wymore stated that we would discuss it later in the meeting. This Resident feels the contract is not needed and that we are patrolled by the County and State police and they have more resources. Another Township Resident stated that they have lived in this township most of their life and wanted to know what we have been denied by not having a contract with the Mayville Police Department, H. Wymore stated that the Mayville Police do not have jurisdiction in the Township. This Resident then asked how the township residents would benefit from the contract and H. Wymore stated that then the Mayville Police would have jurisdiction and could respond in the township. This Resident then asked how the Mayville Police would patrol the township, do the residents have to call or would they see them on the roads. H. Wymore stated that it would be the same as it is in the Village. Then this Resident commented that they have been within the Village 27 times since the last township meeting and did not see one patrol car. Another Resident stated that they have seen the Village Police patrol in Mayville. They also stated that the more police we have, the better it will be. A Township Resident stated that they had driven through the Village of Mayville and saw the police patrolling. A Mayville Village Resident stated that they don't know the specifics of the proposed contract but feels that what the Township would be paying would not be enough to cover the actual costs and that the Village would end up paying more which they cannot afford. A Township Resident stated that they had requested copies of the police applications from the Village of Mayville and was denied because they could not release personal information. This Resident feels that we should know the qualifications of all of the police that would be patrolling our streets if we approved the contract. This Resident stated that we would be at the mercy of the Village of Mayville because we cannot vote for the people on the Village Council and yet they are the ones that would be hiring the police that would patrol our streets.

CLERK REPORT:

Will be out of the office on Wednesday.

A. Holbrook received a response from the Attorney regarding the proposed Police Contract. The attorney had a couple recommended changes if the Board was going to approve it. A. Holbrook asked the Board if we wanted to discuss the Police Contract now. J. Welke suggested that we wait and discuss it under new business.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$220,801.79 as of September 30, 2015. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

C. Sherwin mentioned that we had the annual audit in July and just received the audit report. If anyone would like to look at a copy of the report, it is on the back table.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Had a couple cremation burials. Also the new boxes for the cemetery rules have been installed. A. Holbrook stated that she would get copies to put at the cemeteries.

Road Report – North Lake Road has been re-surfaced and just needs to have the gravel put at the sides of the road. O'Brien Road has been chip & sealed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tuscola County Recycling is going to start holding collection sites in Cass City, Millington & Mayville. Starting soon they will have a collection site at the Mayville DPW on Wednesdays from 9am-1pm. For more information residents can call 989-672-1673.

Police Contract – Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to deny the proposed police contract and not go any further. H. Wymore asked for a show of hands of who in the audience of who were for and against the contract, there were 10 in favor and 16 against. J. Welke stated that as he stated last month, he had heard no talk about a police contract until this contract was emailed to him. He was in favor of the as needed contract that we had but not this full contract. H. Wymore asked if there was money in the budget to cover the contract. C. Sherwin stated that we have enough in the reserve to cover from November to March and then it would have to be discussed again with the new budget. H. Wymore asked that A. Holbrook read the motion that was made and second. The motion read “to deny the proposed police contract and not go any further”. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes – motion carried.

BILLS: Motion to pay the bills as presented , made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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