

Fremont Township Minutes
January 8, 2015

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

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the December 11, 2014, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lyle Fryers (Zoning Administrator) stated that Dayton, Indianfields, Millington and Vassar Townships have garbage pickup in their taxes and he wanted to know why Fremont did not. He stated that the cost is much cheaper and it would also help with blight issues because people would have something to do with their garbage. H. Wymore stated that he has also talked to Ken Bragg (Planning Commission Chairperson) and Ken is in favor of having it placed on the taxes. A Resident stated that this was discussed a couple of years ago and the people didn't want it. Another Resident stated that if it is going to be discussed again, it should be placed on a ballot because it has been discussed a couple of times and each time people didn't want it. The Board discussed whether or not it would be possible to place it on the May Election ballot and Holbrook is going to find out what the deadline would be.

CLERK REPORT:

There will be an election on February 24th and May 5th.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$149,699.03 as of December 31, 2014. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – There is a bill that will be sent to Governor Snyder to sign that will allow municipalities that own cemeteries to enter into an irrevocable agreement with a community foundation to set up an endowment and perpetual care fund. H. Wymore stated that he will continue following this bill and see if it is something that would benefit our township.

Road Report – Received a bid from the Road Commission for resurfacing O'Brien Road from Conrad to M-24 for \$76,000 and for North Lake Road from Wagon to Saginaw for \$45,000. There could be a possibility to request from the Road Commission that the Township still be granted the \$25,000 matching funds but put the money towards repairing the gravel roads in the township instead of resurfacing a road. H. Wymore also got a letter from the Road Commission the bridge work that will be done in 2015 but there are no bridges to be repaired in Fremont Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Township Assessor sent out a letter to all of the agriculture properties to find out if their land is tiled or not and she has received a number of responses back but still has not heard from some of the farmers. J. Welke asked what would happen if property owners didn't respond and H. Wymore stated that in the letter that was sent, it stated that if the assessor didn't receive a response that she would assume the property was tiled and it would be assessed accordingly.

H. Wymore received a bid from Circle K for completing the installation of the emergency siren. They gave him four different options but only two of them would allow for the telephone activation. J. Welke

stated that he would like to know if these are true costs. C. Sherwin stated that maybe we should put it out for bids. C. Sherwin stated that we should just put out for bid for the 2 options that would allow for telephone activation. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to put out for bids for installation of the siren controller with phone activation – motion carried.

Budget Workshop – Need to schedule a date for the budget workshop. A. Holbrook stated that we usually hold the workshop immediately following the February Board meeting. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to have the budget workshop on February 12th immediately following the regular board meeting – motion carried.

J. Welke stated that recently there was a land use request and he wondered if it was granted. It was stated that it was denied and the property owner is still going to build the barn but has moved it back to meet the required setbacks.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Sherwin seconded by J. Welke – 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