

**Fremont Township Minutes  
October 13, 2011**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on October 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, J. Meyer, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, and I. Barrons. Guests: 8

**MINUTES:**

Without objection or correction the September 8, 2011 minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident asked if the tax issue with the Wingert Development was over. H. Wymore stated yes. That resident asked how it benefited the township when so much money was spent. H. Wymore stated that we had no choice and J. Meyer stated that the reason the Board decided to proceed with this was because we felt that if we didn't than other business may try the same thing and we would have a snowball affect.

A Resident asked what was going on at the gravel pit next to the Hall with all the dirt piled up. H. Wymore stated that he isn't sure but he was going to ask.

**CLERK REPORT:**

Citizen's Guide & Performance Dashboard: H. Wymore received a notice from the State Treasurer's office that in order to receive some revenue sharing the township would have to complete a Citizen's Guide & Performance Dashboard and have it available for the public. A. Holbrook has completed these and sent them to the state and they will be available for the public at the Hall.

Insurance – Received a quote from Burnham & Flower for the additional Zoning coverage. The cost would be \$250 for \$250,000 coverage, \$500 for \$500,000 coverage or \$1,000 for \$1,000,000 coverage. Board decided that this wasn't needed at this time.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance was \$91,241.15 as of September 30, 2011. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by A. Holbrook – motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Tax Maps – these needs to be updated soon. Connie Lipka stated that there are only a few changes.

Road Report – Gave each Board member a copy of a letter received from MDOT. Also received a letter from the Road Commission wanting to know what work the township would like to do for next year. H. Wymore stated that he is going to get an estimate for black-topping O'Brien Road. J. Welke commented that he received a complaint regarding E. Blackmore Road that both sides of the road are settling where the county has cleaned out the drain. H. Wymore will check into this. H. Wymore also gave the Board members maps of where the Road Commission is going to do some gravel patching. Also H. Wymore went to the Road Commission regarding W. Blackmore Road where the water is washing the bridge over Evergreen Drain and the Road Commission stated that they are planning on spending \$20,000 toward work on that next year. They will also be working on the Fremont Drain where it crosses E. Blackmore Road and the Township will be responsible for 25% up to a maximum of \$2,000 for the repairs of those two jobs.

H. Wymore also got a letter from FEMA stating that there are no flood zones in Fremont Twp. but that the residents can still purchase flood insurance if they want.

H. Wymore and Ron Curell attended a meeting in Vassar and that they received a lot of information and that there were some suggestions made to update our Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission will meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss these recommendations.

H. Wymore commented to the Board about an article in the MTA news September issue (page 21) regarding adding a page for the Economical Development on township website. He would like the Board to look at it and see what they think.

Cemetery Report – A. Holbrook stated that she received a call from a Resident because some items were stolen off of their family members gravesite at North Grove. A. Holbrook asked if there wasn't something that we could add to our Cemetery Rules that would protect the township if items were stolen that the township isn't liable. The Board will review the rules and discuss at next month's meeting.

**CONNIE LIPKA (Assessor):**

Gave an update on what has gone on in the township this past year. There are no more Michigan Tax Tribunals for the year. There were 24 building permits for the township and the village and there were several home sales and the home sales have been exceeding double of the assessed value. Ken Bragg asked Connie who was responsible for property splits and Connie stated that she is responsible so that she can make sure that the State Land Division Act is followed as well as the Zoning Ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

J. Meyer wanted to let the Board know that she has sold her home and in the near future will be moving out of the township and will therefore not be able to be the treasurer any longer.

H. Wymore stated that he thinks we need to look at getting lights put up in the back parking lot. He stated that maybe he would talk with Thumb Electric about them putting up a light and then they would charge the township a monthly fee. The Board also discussed the possibility of just have someone install a light pole.

**BILLS:**

Motion to pay the bills made by J. Meyer seconded by A. Holbrook – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 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