

Fremont Township Minutes
March 14, 2013

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall.

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

Guests: 9

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the February 14, 2013, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

PETER JENSEN (Attorney):

Peter Jensen mentioned that he purchased Attorney John Bishop's office and that he looks forward to working with the township. He gave a brief background about the experience that he has working with townships. He also mentioned the DTE mediation scheduled for March 28th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident had a few questions regarding the budget. They think that there is a large amount spent on mileage and they also questioned the proposed raises for the township board. Another Resident questioned as to how the amount of the raises was determined. The board members explained the reason for the mileage and also discussed the proposed raises. Another Resident asked if the agenda for the meetings could be posted on the website. A. Holbrook stated that this could be done. Another Resident also questioned who was in charge of the blight for the township because there is a lot of junk around several houses on Leix Rd. H. Wymore gave this Resident Lyle Fryers' (Zoning Administrator) phone number.

CLERK REPORT:

Salaries: As already discussed, the budget does include some proposed raises for the board members and also for the cemetery caretaker.

Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve a \$150 per month increase for the cemetery caretaker. This increase includes the cost for snow plowing. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes – motion carried.

Motion made by C. Sherwin seconded by A. Holbrook to increase the Supervisor's salary by \$840 per year. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-no, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-abstained from voting, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes – motion carried.

Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to increase the Trustee's salary by \$9.50 per meeting. Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-no – motion carried.

Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to increase the Clerk's salary by \$980 per year. Roll call vote: A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-no, C. Sherwin-yes – motion carried.

At this time C. Sherwin stated he did not want a raise and ask that it be taken off of the proposed budget.
Budget:

Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to approve the 2013/2014 Budget with the amendment of removing the proposed raise for the Treasurer. Roll call vote: H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-no, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$187,720.86 as of February 28, 2013. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried. The Treasurer also presented the board and public with a report showing that 88% of all the taxes that were due were collected. The Treasurer was able to balance to

the penny with the County Treasurer's office and the Drain Commission. The Treasurer also explained that part of the reason he thinks that the township had such a successful year collecting taxes is because he has agreed to accept partial tax payments and also because he researched and tried to find updated addresses for the tax bills that were returned undeliverable and re-mailed them out.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: H. Wymore received a price from the cemetery caretaker for cleaning up some trees and doing some stump removal at the cemetery. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the bid for \$2,055 and to have the cemetery caretaker remove the necessary trees. Also, there will be a dumpster placed at the Fremont Twp. Cemetery by April 1st. H. Wymore also gave the board an updated receipt for the sale of burial lots. The board looked over the new wording on the receipt and approved the update. H. Wymore also commented that we need to work on a Cemetery Ordinance and he is going to do some more research and have more information to give the board next month.

Road: Kappen is planning on starting to clear Waterman Road on Monday. H. Wymore will be meeting with Jay from the Road Commission to go over some of the roadwork that is needed in the township.

Tax Mapping: H. Wymore has received more information regarding the digital tax mapping and has passed some of the information along to the County and will continue discussing with them the possibilities of splitting the cost for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tire Recycling is being offered again this year but with some changes. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to sign up the township to be part of the tire recycling – motion carried.

BILLS:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 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