

Fremont Township Minutes
June 9, 2011

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, J. Meyer and I. Barrons. Guests: 9

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the May 12, 2011 minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Meyer, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

TOM KERN (County Commissioner):

He gave an update on what is going on at the county. He stated that the remodeling is going well at the court house. Also that the tire collections were very successful and they hope to be able to keep it going.

JAY (County Road Commission):

Explained about the new pilot program for brush spraying and also about the 50/50 cost sharing for brush spraying on any road that has been worked on in the past 20 years. He was asked by a Resident when they will start doing the brush spraying and he stated that they are planning to start that the end of June or first of July. Anyone that doesn't want the spraying can fill out a no spray form but those people would be responsible for cleaning up the brush on the roadsides of their property. Jay also talked about putting gravel on Snover Road from M-24 to Lobdell Road. He stated that included in the bid for that work is reshaping the road and adding pit run and gravel. He stated that this is only a temporary fix but this type of work was also done on a portion of Maier Road and Lobdell Road and that is holding up really well. J. Welke asked if the Road Commission has a contractor that has the big boom mower to trim trees along the roadside and Jay stated that the Road Commission doesn't have one. J. Meyer asked what the status was on replacing the culvert on Blackmore Road. Jay stated that they are hoping to start that project next week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident wanted to know how many houses were on Snover Road from Lobdell to Schott Road. J. Welke stated that there are only two.

Ken Bragg gave a report regarding the ZBA meeting held on May 26th. The meeting was requested by Ron Horning and the ZBA approved his variance.

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PAUL THOMPSON (Cemetery Caretaker):

Wanted to apologize to the Board and the township for the condition of the cemetery. He also wanted to know if they could change the caretaker pay from being 12 months to only 6 months. H. Wymore supported going back to the 6 month pay schedule as long as he understood that it is still a year-round job. Paul stated that he would still be taking care of the cemetery all year round but he would only be paid from April – September. There was discussion regarding the snow plowing in the winter and Paul stated that he would still be doing that. Motion made by J. Meyer seconded by I. Barrons to change the pay schedule for the cemetery caretaker from 12 months to 6 months – motion carried.

CLERK REPORT:

PA 116 application – received a letter from the County Planning Commission saying that they recommended approval of the application. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the PA 116 application – motion carried.

AT&T Permit Extension – received a letter from AT&T requesting an extension for their METRO Act Permit. Board decided to table this until next month when they have more information.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$100,911.98 as of May 31, 2011. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

Received a letter from the County Treasurer's office regarding the option for the township to purchase a piece of property for back taxes. H. Wymore thinks that maybe the Board should look into purchasing this property because it is a blight issue and we would have the opportunity to clean it up. Board will look into the options and discuss this at the next meeting.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Road Report – Bid for work to be done on Snover Road from M-24 to Lobdell Road. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the roadwork on Snover Road from M-24 to Lobdell Road – motion carried. Paul Thompson asked who was responsible for repair of the bridge on Lobdell Road by the cemetery because it is in bad shape.

Tire Collection – H. Wymore would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the tire collection. We received several tires and were able to fill the trailer in a short period of time.

Cemetery Report – Have four headstone that are leaning and will eventually fall over. Received a price from the Tuscola Vault Company for repairing the footing for these stones. Board decided to table this until next month. Also the roads at the Fremont Cemetery needs to have gravel put down – Paul Thompson will get an estimate for next month's meeting. H. Wymore was asked about the Boy Scouts possibly doing some work at the cemetery. H. Wymore thinks that maybe we should schedule a work day at the cemetery for one day in July. He is going to check on the price of getting a dumpster for that day. H. Wymore also mentioned the possibility of putting a fence up at the back of the Fremont Cemetery because people keep dumping grave blankets and junk on that property which is private property. It was also mentioned by a resident that maybe the township should put some trash barrels at the cemetery. H. Wymore also mentioned that there were two trees that fell down at the North Grove Cemetery that will need to be cleaned up. A. Holbrook mentioned that the Cemetery maps and burials are now on the township website.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore and Ken Bragg attended the Tuscola Emergency Management meeting. During the meeting it was mentioned that townships should have a Volunteer Protection Act Ordinance and also that townships should have on file that if there is a natural disaster that residents can report damages to the township so that maybe residents could qualify for FEMA assistance. H. Wymore will look more into this and we will discuss at next month's meeting.

H. Wymore stated that he feels that the Board should compensate A. Holbrook for the extra work that she has done in order to put all the cemetery records on the website. He stated that there was money budgeted for this and that he feels that A. Holbrook should receive whatever money is remaining after paying to have the maps scanned. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by I. Barrons to pay A. Holbrook \$450 for the work she did putting the cemetery records on the website – motion carried.

BILLS:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 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