

**Fremont Township Minutes
September 13, 2012**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on September 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, C. Sherwin, J. Welke, & I. Barrons. Guests: 10

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the August 9, 2012, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

GARY ANDERSON – ATBD

Gary explained the township's audit report and how the township's finances look. He stated that the township has a good fund balance at this point and is in good shape.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CLERK REPORT:

Have filed with small claims court for DTE and have a court date set for September 25th at 10:15 a.m.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$130,913.70 as of August 31, 2012. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: Bridge is complete at the cemetery as well as the stone work in the ditch. H. Wymore would like to take the remaining money that was budgeted for the job and use it to have two stumps ground at the cemetery. The cemetery caretaker will take care of getting the stumps ground. H. Wymore stated that the well pump has not been fixed yet but he will contact Kitchen again.

Road Report: H. Wymore spoke with the Road Commission regarding the half mile on Waterman Road that needs work. The Road Commission stated that they cannot get to this job until next year and they recommended that we talk to Kappen Tree Service about removing the trees and stumps from the ditch. The Road Commission also recommended that once we get the trees cleaned out we look at replacing the three culverts in that half mile because they are old and are not letting water thru and causing some of the problem. C. Sherwin recommended that we put the ditch work out for bid and J. Welke suggested that we check with the Road Commission to make sure that we have the correct wording for the ad requesting bids. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to put the ditch work out for bids and to get the correct wording from the Road Commission – motion carried. H. Wymore also commented that the Lobdell Road project has been completed and also the Snover Road project for this year has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore would like to include in next year's budget to have our tax maps updated. J. Welke suggested that we get an estimate on what the cost would be so that we know what to budget for next year.

H. Wymore received a request from the Board of Review to increase the poverty guidelines for the poverty exemption from 100% to 125% that is recommended by the Federal Government. Currently the township uses the federal guidelines and the Board of Review would like it to be 25% above the federal guidelines. The Board discussed the reason for the increase and asked questions of the Board of Review members that were at the meeting. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to approve the increase as requested by the Board of Review – motion carried.

H. Wymore commented that the Township received a letter from the Drain Commission stating that they will be working on two drains in the township and there will be a cost to the township that will be spread out over four years. There will also be an additional cost to the property owners that are in those drain districts.

H. Wymore received a letter from a township resident stating that the lawn at the township hall wasn't mowed and the weeds were not pulled around the hall on election day and that they feel we should take more effort into maintaining the hall and especially make sure it looks good for election day. The Board discussed the contents of the letter and agreed to take care of the situation.

C. Sherwin mentioned that Lyle Fryers is still working on the property located at 6568 Mertz Road and that the property owners have had an extension to get the property cleaned up and it still has not been done. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to have Lyle take the next step according to our ordinance to get this situation taken care of – motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 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