

**Fremont Township Minutes  
January 10, 2013**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on January 10, 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: 13

**MINUTES:**

Without objection or correction the December 13, 2012, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by C. Sherwin – motion carried.

**DAVID NICHOL (Amalgam, LLC):** Mr. Nichol was at the meeting to explain what his company can provide the township for updating the tax maps. He stated that Amalgam, LLC prepares digital maps and could provide the township with a digital copy of the maps and the cost would be between \$3.50 to \$7.00 per parcel. He stated that they could also provide the township with a printable file of the maps so that we could send them to a printing company if we wanted to have actual paper maps. He stated that their digital maps could also be implemented and used in the BS&A tax and assessing program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident wanted to know when there would be reflectors or markers put up at the Township hall driveway as was discussed at last months meeting. This Resident stated that the driveway is very hard to see at night. H. Wymore stated that he would take care of it. Another Resident commented as to how many times the road grader has been down the roads this winter and that the Road Commission seems to be doing a better job so far this winter but that they maybe shouldn't be plowing the gravel roads so often.

**CHRISTINE TRISCH (County Commissioner):**

Christine introduced herself as the new County Commissioner for our district. She stated that she is at the County to support the township. She stated that the County is in the black and is doing well financially.

**CLERK REPORT:**

Budget Workshop – will hold the budget workshop immediately after the February 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting.  
Mileage rate – the IRS has raised the mileage reimbursement rate to 56.6¢ per mile. A. Holbrook asked if the Board wanted to increase the township mileage rate to match the IRS rate. The Board decided to leave the township mileage reimbursement at 55.5¢.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance was \$116,935.12 as of December 31, 2012. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried. Treasurer also commented that he had sent in the necessary paperwork to have the assessor's tax program upgraded. He also stated that since March when we moved around the township bank accounts we have seen a good increase in the interest income. In 2011 we received a total of 106.16 in interest and in 2012 we have received \$616.12.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Road Report: We received another bill from the Road Commission for \$1,850 for asphalt on Snover Road. Also H. Wymore has tried to contact Jostock Trucking regarding roadside mowing but has not heard back from him. Hopefully he will have more information for next months meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

H. Wymore has received a request again this year for a fireworks permit for Krystal Lake Campground. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the fireworks permit for Krystal Lake Campground – motion carried.

H. Wymore has also received a notice from John Bishop explaining that he will no longer be the township attorney since he has been elected as the Tuscola County Register of Deeds. Mr. Bishop's law practice will be taken over by Peter Jensen who is willing to continue working with the township. H. Wymore stated that we also need to approve whether or not to have Mr. Jensen continue the case regarding DTE's fire runs as there is a hearing scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve having Peter Jensen handle the DTE case until it is completed – motion carried. H. Wymore also suggested that we consider hiring Gary Howell as the new township attorney. He stated that Gary is the attorney that assisted the Planning Commission in updating the Zoning Ordinance. It was questioned as to what Gary's hourly rate is and whether he would be willing to be the township attorney. H. Wymore stated that he had talked to Gary Howell and he had stated that his firm would be willing to work with the township. However, at this point we do not know what his hourly rate is. The board decided to table this until next month and find out what the hourly rate would be.

H. Wymore has also become aware that the Zoning Administrator is suppose to be receiving retirement benefits because back in 1992 the Township Board passed a resolution to include the Elected Officials and the Zoning Administrator. H. Wymore has talked to Lyle Fryers and Lyle stated that he would be willing to settle for \$4,000 that could be paid within two budget years. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to pay Lyle Fryers \$4,000 (\$2,000 in the 2013/2014 budget and \$2,000 in the 2014/2015 budget) with the condition that Lyle signs a written agreement regarding the settlement – motion carried.

**BILLS:** J. Welke asked as to why there was a bill for the furnace. H. Wymore explained that we had trouble with the furnace again and it was the same problem that we have had since the furnace was installed. Since it has been the same on-going problem and the company that installed the furnace hasn't been able to fix the problem and they are now charging the township each time they make a service call, H. Wymore had a difference furnace company come out to look at the furnace. H. Wymore stated that in order to fix the problem it would cost almost as much as a new furnace and there would be no guarantee that it would work, so a new furnace had to be installed. Motion to pay the bills including check number 11473 for \$1,850 to the Tuscola County Road Commission by J. Welke seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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