

Fremont Township Minutes
June 14, 2012

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, & I. Barrons. Guests: 8

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the May 10, 2012, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

AMANDA ROGGENBUCK (Probate Judge):

Amanda introduced herself and explained what her job is and talked about the changes and upgrades that have been made since she took the bench. She will be running on the November ballot for Probate Judge.

AMY GIERHART (candidate for Circuit Court Judge):

Amy introduced herself and explained that she is running for Circuit Court Judge. She explained her qualifications and what her goals would be if she was elected. She will be running on the August ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked what the zoning rules were regarding signs because there is a party store on M-24 that has several signs on their fence and it doesn't look good. This Resident also asked if Owen Tree Service came back out and brush sprayed on Conrad Road because it has been done in one spot. Another Resident asked if anyone was aware if the building on the corner of M-24 and M-46 owned by John Binder had been sold.

CLERK REPORT:

Reminder about the Mayville School election on June 26th. Absentee Ballot applications are available anytime outside the Fremont Twp. Hall.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$168,034.61 as of May 31, 2012. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried. Treasurer also mentioned that we had the township audit on June 6th and that everything went very smoothly.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: H. Wymore mentioned that we cannot get in touch with any family members that own the cemetery lot at North Grove where a tree needs to be removed – the cemetery caretaker will remove this tree and cut the stump as low to the ground as possible. H. Wymore asked if the Board would be willing to pay Avram Funeral Home \$250 to help cover the cost to repair a headstone foundation that was damaged when a headstone had to be moved for a burial. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to pay the \$250 – motion carried. H. Wymore would like to finish putting the stone down on the ditch at the Fremont Cemetery. He would need to get a permit from DEQ first and that would cost around \$50. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to start the paperwork to get a permit from DEQ to finish the ditch – motion carried. H. Wymore would also like to see a walking bridge installed at the Fremont Cemetery over the ditch so that people can walk from the new cemetery to the old cemetery. Arland Draper said he would donate the i-beams and Hopp's Lumber said that they would give us a good deal on the lumber. H. Wymore stated that the cost would be around \$2,800. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to build a walking bridge over the ditch at the Fremont Cemetery for no more than \$2,800 – motion carried. Wayne Nelson (Cemetery Caretaker) mentioned that the crushed concrete was spread and raked on the

Cemetery Road. J. Welke asked if Detroit Edison had been contacted about the removal of the two big trees at the Fremont Cemetery. H. Wymore stated that he hadn't contacted them yet but will contact them.

Road Report: The Road Commission has approved a variance to include the gravel work on Lobdell Road towards the \$25,000 construction allowance. H. Wymore received a bid from the Road Commission to double chip & seal Blackmore Road from Lobdell to Schott Road for \$21,600 and to double chip & seal Brown Road from Chambers to North Lake Road for \$20,600. Approving these two sections would go towards the \$25,000 construction allowance. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to approve the double chip & seal on Blackmore and Brown Road – motion carried. H. Wymore also received a bid from the Road Commission for gravel patching on North Grove Road at Wireline Road for \$2,312.50 and crack fill on Snover Road from Conrad to M-24 for \$3,700. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the work on North Grove Road and Snover Road – motion carried. H. Wymore also asked the Board to consider allowing \$1,000 for brush spraying. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve \$1,000 for brush spraying – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cleaning the Hall: We have three people interested in cleaning the hall. A. Holbrook read the qualifications of each person and the payment amounts. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to hire Cindy Whitehead to clean the hall for \$25 per cleaning (every other week on Tuesday or Wednesday) – motion carried.

Past due fire bills: We have several past due fire bills that have been sent to collections but have not been collected upon. C. Sherwin recommends that we look into putting liens on the property of those who do not pay. C. Sherwin stated that he has talked with the township attorney and there is some paperwork that the township needs to fill out in order to do this. We will table talking about liens until C. Sherwin talks more with the attorney and gets the necessary paperwork. H. Wymore suggested that we should go to small claims court with the people that are currently past due. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to take people of the currently past due fire runs to small claims court – motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 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