

Fremont Township Minutes
April 12, 2012

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on April 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, and I. Barrons. Guests: 12

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the March 8, 2012, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

DAVID FORYSTEK (Mayville Chief of Police):

He stated how much he enjoys working in Mayville. He also stated that he feels we have a good thing going and doesn't think it needs to be changed a whole lot. He talked about the possibility of the Township contracting with the Village for police protection. He stated that he is not looking to do that right now but it is a possibility if the Township were interested. H. Wymore stated that at this time the Township does not have the money to contract with them but it is something that can be considered in the future. He also talked about how he has been working with the Mayville School and that now at sporting events there are two police officers present. He is also starting a leadership program at the school to help teach some students leadership. They will pick 6 students that show leadership ability and work with them for a year.

DOUGLAS FREEMAN (Pigeon Telephone Company):

He stated that he was here to ask for a signed Metro Agreement with Fremont Township for the Agri-Valley Communications Company. This is so that they can run a fiber optic cable through parts of our township. He had a check to pay for the Metro Act application fee. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the Metro Agreement with Agri-Valley Communications as long as they provide us with a certificate of insurance – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked if there has been any more thought on having a Farmer's Market at the Township Hall. A. Holbrook stated that she had contacted the insurance company and there would need to be additional liability insurance in order to do this. This Resident also stated that they saw that the Board would be discussing a fireworks application and that the Board needs to be aware that the Fireworks Safety Act has been updated and there are different laws to abide by. Another Resident asked if the ORV Ordinance had been passed and what it entailed. A. Holbrook stated that the County approved it and more details regarding it are available on the County's website. This Resident also asked if any follow-up was done with the roadside spraying and that they hope we do not use the same company this year.

CLERK REPORT:

PA116 application - received a letter from the Tuscola Conservation District saying that they recommended approval of this application. The Township Planning Commission also recommends approval. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the PA 116 application – motion carried.

Pension Plan – received a letter from our insurance company that there are some necessary amendments needed to the township pension plan. These amendments are mandated by the IRS. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the necessary amendments to the pension plan – motion carried.

Insurance – received a letter from the Insurance Risk Control Department with some suggested changes – Board decided to table this until next month so they can have more time to review.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$168,966.61 as of March 31, 2012. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried. Treasurer also gave the Board members copies of the new interest rates on the accounts and how the accounts were merged or changed.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: Received 8 resumes for the Caretaker position. Wayne Nelson of Creative Lawn & Landscaping, Markel Lokinski of Log Cabin Lawn Care & Tree Service and Doug of Absolute Quality Landscape Care were present at the meeting. Wayne Nelson stated that he has 18 years in the lawn care service and he has one full-time employee and also his wife works with him. Markel Lokinski stated that he has a 4-man crew and also does tree & stump removal. Doug stated that he has taken care of cemeteries, has his own nursery and does sod work. He also has 3 full-time employees and up to 15 temporary employees during the year. I. Barrons stated that she feels we should concentrate on the 3 people that are at the meeting because they seem to be the most interested. A Resident commented that they have residents buried at a cemetery that Wayne Nelson takes care of and that the upkeep is perfect and that he does a great job. I. Barrons stated that she feels Wayne Nelson has the most experience and C. Sherwin stated that he would be in favor of giving Wayne Nelson a chance. It was also discussed that it will be a 3-year contract but with a yearly review. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to offer the Caretaker position to Creative Lawn & Landscaping as a 3-year contract with a yearly review before each fiscal budget is set. Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes; A. Holbrook-yes; I. Barrons-yes; J. Welk-yes; and H. Wymore-yes. Motion carried.

Road Report: Received bids from the Road Commission for Blackmore Road from Lobdell to Schott and for Brown Road from Chambers to North Lake. Also received a bid for completing O'Brien Road. Board discussed the bids received and the different options. C. Sherwin mentioned that maybe we should consider doing some drainage work on some roads instead of resurfacing. Board decided to table this until next month's meeting.

Tire Collection: The Township was approved to host another tire collection and we need to set a date. Board decided to hold the tire collection on May 22nd from 9a.m. until 3p.m. or until the trailer is full.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kim Vaughn (Krystal Lake Campground) submitted a Fireworks Application. He has been having fireworks at the campground for a couple years now but due to the new law he has to have township approval. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the fireworks application – motion carried.

Traffic Safety Training – There is a training on April 30th in Saginaw and the Board members can attend if they are interested.

FEMA – the Township was found to be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

Master Plan – The Township Planning Commission has reviewed the Master Plan and is recommending that the Township Board approve it with no changes. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to adopt that the Master Plan has been reviewed and is good for another 5 years – motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 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