

**Fremont Township Minutes
November 12, 2014**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on November 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke & I. Barrons.

Guests: 6

MINUTES: Without objection or correction the October 9, 2014, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: A Resident asked what the siren was for that the township purchased last month. H. Wymore stated that it is an emergency siren.

CHRISTINE TRISCH (County Commissioner):

She stated that they were not able to decrease the millage for the mosquito abatement but that they did eliminate the 1 mil for the medical facility. She also stated that the County is probably going to have to go back to offering health insurance for the Board of Commissioners because the law states that since they offer health insurance to some of the elected officials they have to offer it to all of the elected officials. The Commissioners also approved millage wording for a special millage that will help fund Veteran services. This millage will be on the ballot for a February election. She also stated that she was told that the County will reimburse the Township for the cost of this election. She stated that tomorrow morning at the Board of Commissioners meeting the EDC will present them with wording to also put a millage proposal on the ballot in February. Both of these millages would be for 6 years. She stated that they have finished the County budget and it is balanced.

CLERK REPORT:

The Clerk let everyone know that they will be sending out a list of the Township contact information with our winter tax bills and if the Board members have anything that needs changed, please let the Clerk know.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$164,988.66 as of October 31, 2014. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Had two burials this month.

Road Report – The Road Commission put about 400 ton of gravel on some of the township roads.

Board Appointments: Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to appoint Barb Fowler, Matt Blatt, Ron Curell, Tyler Ireland (alternate) and Hobart Putman (alternate) to the Board of Review for a 2 year term – motion carried. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to appoint Ken Bragg, Matt Blatt, Terry Glowicki, and Ron Curell to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term and to appoint Frank Ellicott, Gerald Brown, Soleiman Seghatoleslami and Amy Holbrook (alternate) to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore stated that we can get a pole from Thumb Electric to mount the siren on and the cost would be \$642.71 which would include the installation of the pole. He stated that he has check with Circle K out of Midland and they would supply the mounting bracket for the siren and install it on the pole and also run the wire to the bottom of the pole for \$1,000. H. Wymore also stated that when he talked to

Circle K, they stated that they have a used converter that they would sell to the township for \$1,000 (new converters are around \$4,000). Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to pull \$2,700 from the reserve account to purchase the pole and pay to have the siren mounted on the pole and to also purchase the used converter – motion carried.

H. Wymore also brought up the fact that there are several agricultural fields in the township that have been tiled but have not been assessed as tiled on the tax roll. The township attorney is checking to see if the township can require them to pull a permit when they are planning on tiling a field so that the township can have record of it and the assessor can assess the property appropriately. H. Wymore stated that the assessor is going to mail out a letter to all of the agriculture parcels to ask if the fields are tiled and what percentage is tiled.

J. Welke asked when the new fire rules go into effect. C. Sherwin stated that they will go into effect December 1st as that is when it is assessed on the first tax bill.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented including checks up to \$2,700 for installing the siren and purchasing the converter made by H. Wymore seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 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