

**Fremont Township Minutes**  
**February 9, 2017**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on February 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, J. Welke C. Sherwin & M Blatt. Absent: None  
Guests: 20

**MINUTES:**

Without objection or correction the January 12, 2017, meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried

**BILLS:**

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Sherwin seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

**KIM VAUGHAN (County Commissioner):**

Stated that he has been on the job about a month and is getting acquainted with the different boards he is on. He stated that he is available if anyone has any questions. A Resident asked him if it was true that the County Commissioners no longer have a public comment time during their meetings. Kim stated that it is not true; they do have a public comment time during their meetings.

**BARB VALENTINE (Mayville Village President):**

Terry Blackmer, Mayville Village Assistant Fire Chief spoke regarding the renewal of the fire contract. He stated that this year they are offering a 1-year contract at 1½% increase instead of the normal 3-year contract due to the change in administration. Then throughout the coming year there will be more discussions on multi-year contracts Barb stated that the 1-year contract is just for this year and next year we will look back on the 3-year contracts.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident stated that they think we have the best fire department and then questioned as to whether it was true that we do not collect the \$500 from the insurance companies for fire runs. This Resident thinks that we should look into collecting that \$500 because the insurance company should have to pay it. A Resident asked if there was going to be public comments during the budget meeting. H. Wymore stated that there would be. Another Resident commented that in regards to collecting the \$500 for fire runs, when the fire assessment was discussed it was stated on several occasions that if it was put into place residents would not receive a bill for fire calls. C. Sherwin stated that if it is decided to charge for the \$500 that is automatically included in your insurance, the bill would be sent to the insurance company and not to the resident. Another Resident stated that due to the new regulations regarding the medical marijuana law the board should consider having State Senator Green attend our next board meeting to give us more information. H. Wymore stated that he was going to discuss these new regulations during new business.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance was \$289,630.00 as of January 31, 2017. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by H. Wymore – motion carried.

Fire Contract – Treasurer mentioned that if we are satisfied with the fire contract as presented that we should approve it before we work on the budget later this evening. C. Sherwin stated that he is not happy with the 1-year contract but understands the reasoning and wants to be sure that we negotiate next year's contract long before February 2018. M. Blatt stated that he would be happier with a 3-year contract because doing a 1-year contract just makes him wonder if they will ask for a bigger raise next time. H.

Wymore stated that he would also prefer a 3-year contract. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to accept the Fire Contract as presented. Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, J. Welke-abstain, M. Blatt-no, H. Wymore-yes. Motion carried with 3 yes, 1 no and 1 abstain.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery Report –Have been doing some research on the cemetery records and found that we have 180 spaces available at the North Grove cemetery and 106 available at the Fremont New cemetery. We have also received information on putting the cemetery information on the computer. H. Wymore would like to have a cemetery advisory committee to review the options and work on getting the records in the computer. M. Blatt asked if we should buy a program and H. Wymore stated that he wants the committee to do the research into the options and then report back to the Board with their suggestions. H. Wymore made a motion seconded by M. Blatt to create a Cemetery Advisory Committee, motion carried. M. Blatt asked how many people H. Wymore wanted on the committee and H. Wymore stated five and he would like it to be a 2-year term. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to appoint Henry Wymore (Chairperson), Ron Curell (Vice Chairperson), Judy Raymond, Char Russell and Amy Holbrook to the advisory committee – motion carried

Roads – H. Wymore thinks that we should consider Waterman Road west of Leix as our next possible mile to blacktop. He stated that there are 22 homes in that mile and it has already been surveyed and some ditch work and tree removal completed. J. Welke stated that he would like to see some of our gravel roads repaired prior to blacktopping another road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

H. Wymore stated that there was an article in the MTA magazine regarding the new regulations for the medical marijuana law. According to the article if we don't want to allow dispensaries we can just do nothing or if we want to allow them we can opt-in. MTA recommends that even if we don't want dispensaries we should have an ordinance that makes it clear that they are not allowed. H. Wymore was wondering if we should request to have our attorney at the next Planning Commission meeting (April 4<sup>th</sup>). A. Holbrook stated that maybe we should have the attorney give us his opinion and some information to look over at our next Planning Commission meeting and then the Board can discuss if we want the attorney at one of the meetings. J. Welke stated that he thinks we should at least have a moratorium approved. A. Holbrook will contact the attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 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