

Fremont Township Minutes
June 8, 2017

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, M. Blatt and C. Sherwin.

Guests: 11

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the May 11, 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 M. Blatt – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked what the status was of a tire collection for the township and H. Wymore stated that we were not doing a tire collection this year. This Resident also asked whether any of the election equipment was connected to the internet during elections and A. Holbrook stated that the laptop used for elections is not connected to the internet and neither is the tabulator. This Resident asked if it was connected to transmit the results of the election and A. Holbrook stated that it is not, the results are driven to the County Clerk's office after elections; nothing is transmitted via the internet. Another Resident asked if we were going to do roadside mowing this year and C. Sherwin stated that they started mowing today. It was questioned as to how far they are to mow and H. Wymore stated that they are to mow 3-5 feet. A Resident asked if the tires were still behind the hall that someone dropped off and C. Sherwin stated that he was going to take them to recycling. This Resident also asked if the garbage pickup has to be in the blue garbage can. H. Wymore stated that it doesn't, you can just put garbage bags at the road. C. Sherwin stated that you can put anything out at the road and they will take it. You do not need to use the blue can if you do not want to.

CLERK REPORT:

There is an election on August 8, 2017, which consists of two County proposals

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$382,065.60 as of May 31, 2017. Motion to accept treasurer report made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried. The Treasurer mentioned that he received a report from the County Treasurer's office of the millages levied by all the townships in the county. Fremont Township is the second lowest for millages on the list. H. Wymore made a comment about all the townships that have road millages and C. Sherwin stated that 17 of the 23 townships have a road millage. C. Sherwin also stated that according to the Road Commission our township has the second best roads in the county.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Veterans Pavilion – H. Wymore stated that he has looked into donating but still has questions so would like to table this at this time. J. Welke stated that he wasn't sure if it was legal to do so he wouldn't want to donate at this time. According to the Michigan Township Association (MTA) this is a gray area.

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore stated that the Cemetery Caretaker has six of the seven trees taken down at the Fremont Cemetery. H. Wymore asked Judy Raymond and Char Russell to give an update on the cemetery records. Judy stated that the progress is going well. They have North Grove and the New Fremont Cemetery completed. They are about half done with the west side of the Fremont Cemetery. J. Welke asked if we were going to try to reclaim any of the lots and H. Wymore stated that according to MTA we can reclaim lots if they were purchased over 40 years ago but that we would want to have our attorney involved. H. Wymore stated that once all the records have been added to the computer we may look at reclaiming some lots. C. Sherwin stated that at last months meeting the Board approved the purchase of gravel for the cemetery roads and he wondered if the gravel has been purchased yet. H. Wymore stated that he has told the contractor that they bid was approved but that they

have to wait to have some trees trimmed before the gravel is brought in. C. Sherwin stated that he needs to know when the gravel gets delivered so that he can transfer the funds from the reserve account to cover the cost. Road Report – H. Wymore stated that the dip on Snover Road is getting worse and needs to be repaired this year. He has received a bid from the Road Commission for \$38,945.00. H. Wymore would like to rescind the motion made last month to spend \$15,000.00 on gravel patching and put that money towards repairing Snover Road. H. Wymore stated that he would attend the next Road Commission meeting and ask the Board if they would help cover some of the costs since it is a health and safety issue. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to suspend the \$15,000.00 approved last month for gravel patching and return that amount to the road budget – motion carried. It was mentioned that we are still about \$3,400.00 short in the road budget to cover the total costs but C. Sherwin stated that if the Road Commission doesn't cover some of the cost we can always collapse the road and put that money back into the road budget. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to approve the bid of \$38,945.00 to repair the dip on Snover Road – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore mentioned that Lyle Fryers (Zoning Administrator) wasn't able to attend the meeting but he needs the Board approval to do what is necessary to enforce our ordinance for a blight problem on Snover Road. The property owner has already been served papers regarding the need to clean up the property but nothing has been done. H. Wymore stated that we are probably going to have to get our attorney involved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to allow the Zoning Administrator to do what is needed to enforce our ordinance – motion carried. H. Wymore mentioned that he has met with a local insurance company about getting a bid for insurance coverage for the township and this company would like to meet with the entire Board at a special meeting to discuss the proposed policy. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to hold a special meeting on June 29th at 10 a.m. to discuss the proposed insurance bid – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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