

**Fremont Township Minutes**  
**June 9, 2016**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 9, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: 14

**MINUTES:**

Without objection or correction the May 12, 2016, public hearing minutes and regular Board meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

**BILLS:**

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

**SENATOR MIKE GREEN:**

Senator Green could not attend the meeting because he was still in session in Lansing. Jim Mcloskey attended the meeting to represent Senator Green. Jim stated that Mike will attend the meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that he gave H. Wymore a copy of an ordinance that addressed home based businesses and greenhouses, he stated that it seemed like a very good ordinance to help have some control of marijuana greenhouses. H. Wymore stated that he gave a copy to our Zoning Administrator to look over and that a copy should also be given to the Planning Commission for them to discuss at their next meeting. Jim stated that next month Senator Green should have more information to give us. Jim also stated that the DFA (Dairy Farmers of America) is planning for phase two expansion in Cass City. It is anticipated that the expansion will create 200 jobs.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A Resident wanted to know if the Board was aware that another marijuana house has been built on Waterman Road. H. Wymore stated that it had been brought to his attention and that we are looking into what we can do to regulate them. Another Resident stated that even if we update our ordinance it will not affect the growers that are currently in the township and so we need to do something sooner than later.

**DISCUSSION ON THE MARIJUANA ORDINANCE:**

The Planning Commission Chairman stated that the township already has a marijuana ordinance and it states that the caregiver must live on the property. The Zoning Administrator questioned as to whether or not someone would be able to get information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) on that approved the licenses and whether or not they did inspections to make sure the laws were being followed. It was also commented that the Township's current marijuana ordinance follows the State's rules. The Board also discussed the possibility of the Planning Commission having a special meeting to discuss this topic. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to approve the Planning Commission holding a special meeting if necessary to discuss the marijuana ordinance.

**CLERK REPORT:**

Approve garbage contract – Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to accept the bid from Republic Services for option 2 with no recycling for the 5-year garbage contract – motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer balance was \$298,350.04 as of May 31, 2016. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

### **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Cemetery Report – Sold \$600 in cemetery lots. Also got an estimate for \$384 to repair 4 headstones at the Fremont Cemetery. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the repair of the 4 headstones for \$384.00 – motion carried. H. Wymore also received a request for the township to buy-back some cemetery lots from someone who now lives in Arizona. H. Wymore stated that this is not the normal practice of the township but since the people have moved out of state he wondered what the board thought. J. Welke stated that we do not usually buy back cemetery lots and he does not think we should start doing this because it would set precedence. J. Welke stated that maybe we could find someone else to buy them. C. Sherwin stated that they could also put an ad in the local newspaper trying to sell the lots.

Road Report – Received a letter from the Road Commission regarding the removal of some trees in the road right-of-way. The only section affected in Fremont Township is on Brown Road between Conrad and Leix. H. Wymore also gave the Board members a copy of the Road Commission's Road Abandonment Procedures and he would like the Board to look over the information and think about Snover Road between Schott & Lobdell. He recommends closing that road between the two houses and making it a non-maintained road. This will be discussed at the July meeting. H. Wymore also gave the Board members a copy of the estimate received from the Road Commission for doing gravel work in the township; part of the gravel work will be done on Phelps Lake Road between Maier and Lobdell and Clark Park Road from M-24 west and also including other areas of gravel patching. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the gravel work for the various roads for \$27,235.00 – motion carried.

Garbage Collection Special Assessment – H. Wymore presented the Board with the tax roll for the special assessment. This tax roll will be on display at the township hall. H. Wymore asked if we could have the special hearing on the same date as our July board meeting but have it an hour prior to the regular scheduled meeting. The Board stated that should be ok. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to adopt the Resolution receiving the roll, setting public hearing date, and directing the clerk to provide notice with the public hearing date being set for July 14, 2016, at 6 p.m. Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-yes. Resolution adopted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A Resident asked what happened about getting lighting in the front parking lot at the hall and a possible sign. C. Sherwin stated that he has left several messages to Thumb Electric to get an estimate but has not heard back from them. This topic was tabled until next month when hopefully we will have some prices on costs. If by next months meeting we have not heard back from Thumb Electric we may discuss putting the job out for bid.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 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