

Fremont Township Minutes
July 13, 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. Absent: None

Guests: 12

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the June 8, 2017, regular board meeting minutes and the June 29, 2017 special meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welk, seconded by M. Blatt – motion carried

BILLS:

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

KEVIN DALEY (Candidate for State Senate):

Kevin stated that he has put his hat into the running for the State Senate in 2018. There is a possibility that there will be an election sooner to fill the seat if Mike Green vacates the seat for a position in Washington. Kevin gave us some information on his background and stated that he was on his township board for years and also served in the State House for 6 years representing Lapeer County. He gave us information that included his email address and phone number in case anyone has questions for him in the future.

LARRY CLEVER (Burnham & Flower Insurance):

Larry went through our insurance renewal and answered any questions the Board might have. He also stated that due to the township having to do the appraisal last year, they have agreed to decrease our yearly premium by \$500 for the next 3 years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk stated that we need to pass a resolution to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase new voting equipment. With this grant there will be no cost to the township for the new equipment. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call vote: J. Welke-yes, M. Blatt-yes, C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$341,893.78 as of June 30, 2017. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore stated that he sold \$600 worth of cemetery lots. He also asked Char & Judy for an update on the cemetery records. They stated that they were coming along. Char stated that they are to the point of fine-tuning the records but it is slow going. M. Blatt asked if the tree trimming or gravel work has been started on the cemetery road yet. H. Wymore stated that the company doing the gravel is very busy right now and may not get to it until August. He also stated that Wayne is waiting to meet with that company in order to know what trees need to be trimmed. J. Welke asked if we were going to plant new trees where the old ones were removed. H. Wymore asked if we wanted to put in new trees and C. Sherwin stated that he didn't oppose it as long as they were not ash trees. J. Welke stated that he has hard maples that could be planted in there if we wanted.

Road Report – H. Wymore met with the Road Commission about the culvert being replaced on Snover Road. The Road Commission has agreed to cover the costs for repaving that section of road which will be about \$6,000. They also agreed that we could pay the balance due with next years budget. H. Wymore stated that since we are saving money on Snover Road he would like to see us budget \$8-9,000 for fixing Conrad Road from Ambrose to O'Brien Road. There is a section on that road that is washed out and needs repaired. C. Sherwin proposed that we use money to repair Conrad Road but that if at the end of the year we have money left in the road budget we make a

payment towards the Snover Road project. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to approve up to \$9,000 for the repairs to Conrad Road from Ambrose to O'Brien – motion carried. M. Blatt asked if we were going to do any brush spraying this year and H. Wymore stated that he was going to ask the Board to approve \$2,000 for spraying. H. Wymore stated that Hunt Road is really getting over grown and M. Blatt stated that Chambers Road where we cleaned it out is also getting bad. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt to approve \$2,000 for brush spraying – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore stated that he received a letter from Closup Wind Project regarding a grant from the Mott Foundation to be able to travel to communities and give a presentation about wind energy. He stated that the Planning Commission thought it would be a good idea to have them come to the next Planning Commission meeting. J. Welke asked if we would have any wind turbines in our township due to the proximity of the Caro Airport. H. Wymore stated that we probably would not but the Planning Commission thought that since there was no cost that it would be a good educational opportunity. The next Planning Commission meeting is October 3, 2017. Board of Review meeting is July 19th at noon.

H. Wymore asked the Board if they wanted to review the insurance policies or if they wanted to make a decision tonight. The current policy renewal date is August 12th. J. Welke and C. Sherwin stated that they would like more time to compare both options. It was decided that we would discuss the insurance policies at next months meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 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