

Fremont Township Minutes
August 8, 2013

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on August 8, 2013, 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 July 11, 2013, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

Gary Anderson (ATBD):

Gary explained the township's audit report and how the township's finances look. He commented that the pension plan that the township participates in is a good plan. He also stated that the township has had another good year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident commented that the person doing the roadside mowing is doing an excellent job on the corners and on other areas in the township. This Resident also commented that they feel that next year the board members should know exactly what will be mowed and what the cost will be because this Resident feels that not all the board members understood what was going to be mowed this year. Another Resident commented that they noticed that on the roadsides where the homeowner had mowed, the person doing the mowing would mow further down into the ditch. This Resident is very pleased with the roadside mowing.

CLERK REPORT:

The Planning Commission has recommended some zoning amendments. A. Holbrook explained what changes were recommended. Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the recommended zoning amendment changes as written which includes amendments to Section 3.01, Section 5.02, Section 13.02, Section 17.05 and Section 18.06. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the recommended Commercial Communication Towers zoning ordinance amendment as written. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by A. Holbrook to approve the recommended change to the Private Road and Driveway Easement Ordinance (Section 2E changing the required easement for a private driveway from 66' to 30'). I. Barrons stated that she believes that the 66' was put in the ordinance for a reason and she feels that changing it would be a disservice by only requiring a 30' easement. I. Barrons also stated that if a resident could not get a 66' easement and if it was a hardship, they could request a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. She also commented that if someone put in a 30' private driveway and then wanted to put in a private road they would need 66'. H. Wymore commented that if someone was going to make a private road they would need to come back to the Planning Commission. He also stated that he does not think it would be a disservice because he knows of a couple people that had tried to get an easement for their property but could not because the owner of the neighboring property would not give up 66' but would have probably given an easement for 30'. J. Welke questioned as to whether the ordinance specified how much of the 30' needed to be cleared for use as a driveway. A. Holbrook stated that the specifications are listed in Section 3. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-no, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$174,822.72 as of July 31, 2013. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried. Also, the last day to pay Summer taxes without a penalty is September 16th.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – A water line broke and has been repaired. Everything is looking good at the cemeteries. Road Report – H. Wymore would like the board to approve \$8,000 for gravel patching. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to approve \$8,000 for gravel patching – motion carried.

Siren – H. Wymore has talked to Jeffrey DuPilka from West Shore Services regarding placing a siren at the hall. Jeffrey told H. Wymore that he would be willing to come to a township meeting to explain to the board what would be needed and what the cost would be. C. Sherwin stated that it would not hurt to have him come so that we can get more information for the future. H. Wymore will contact him and see if he is available for next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clare Fryers (Village President) contact H. Wymore about the Board meeting with the Village's Committee of the Whole to discuss the fire contract. H. Wymore also handed out information received regarding the Qualified Forest Program.

BILLS:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 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