

Fremont Township Minutes March 10, 2016

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 10, 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: 20

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the February 11, 2016, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked what was discussed regarding the lights for the parking lot. H. Wymore stated that we would discuss that under New Business. Another Resident had some concerns about putting the cost of garbage pickup on the taxes and they stated that if it is put to a vote it should be on the November ballot. Another Resident stated that they are not for putting the cost of garbage pickup on the taxes. H. Wymore read a letter that he received from a Resident, this resident would like the cost of garbage included in their taxes because it would be a big help to them. Another Resident asked that if we put the cost of garbage pickup on the taxes would there be an additional admin fee? C. Sherwin stated that everything that is on the tax bill is subject to a 1% admin fee so if this was added to the taxes it would also have the admin fee.

CLERK REPORT:

Budget Amendments: A. Holbrook gave Board members a list of necessary amendments for the current 2015/2016 budget. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to approve the amendments as listed. Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-yes – motion carried.

Budget: Motion made by A. Holbrook, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the 2016/2017 budget as presented. Roll call vote: A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-yes, C. Sherwin-yes – motion carried. Garbage pickup bids – We received 4 bids for garbage township wide garbage pickup. Bids were from Deerfield Disposal, Diva Disposal, Emterra Environmental, and Republic Services. A. Holbrook opened the bids during the meeting and read the rates. C. Sherwin stated that he would like to table this discussion so that copies of each bid could be distributed to the Board members to be reviewed. The Board discussed the possible options for placing this cost on the taxes. A. Holbrook stated that she was informed by MTA that the only way to put this on a ballot for the people to vote on it would be by a millage. The Board members were in agreement that a millage was not the correct option because the cost is a flat rate per household and not a percentage. The only other option for placing it on the taxes would be through a special assessment and that would require 2 public hearings. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to table this until the next meeting so that the Board members can get copies of the bids and review them and also look into the options for placing this cost on the taxes – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$276,961.35 as of February 29, 2016. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried. Treasurer also gave the Board a report on the amount of taxes collected. He collected 91% of the taxes and balanced to the penny with the County. C. Sherwin also commented that the 2015 interest earned on the accounts was \$866.35.

CHRISTINE TRISCH (County Commissioner):

Christine stated that the Commissioners had an afternoon meeting today and had people in attendance that normally wouldn't have been able to attend when the meetings were in the mornings. She also stated that they are planning on having a representative from the MSU Extension at their next meeting to discuss what the plans are for the 4-H program now that the millage has passed. A Resident asked Christine what was happening regarding combining the County Clerk & Register of Deeds positions. Christine stated that it is not going to happen and that it is a dead

issue. Another Resident asked Christine if she had tried bring up the topic of the surplus money in the different millage accounts. Christine stated that she hasn't brought it up in 4-5 months but that she would address the issue again and see if they can discuss reducing some of the millages. A Resident also asked her about the County creating a noise ordinance because he has discussed it with previous commissioners and was told that it is a township issue. Christine stated that she will look into it.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Road Report – Received an estimate for blacktopping O'Brien Road from Michele at the Road Commission. Cost would be around \$120,000 to \$130,000. H. Wymore stated that he would like to discuss this more at the next meeting so we can decide how much money we have budgeted for road and what projects we need done.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore received a Fireworks application from Krystal Lake Campground. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to approve the application – motion carried.

H. Wymore stated that he got a price on a sign for out front of the Twp. Hall. Cost for a lighted sign would be \$871.45. J. Welke commented that we would also have the cost of installing the sign and running the electrical. He stated that we need to get all the cost for the project before we make any decisions. C. Sherwin stated that we should look at lighting the parking lots first because the electric for the sign and the driveway would come from the light pole. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to put out for bids for lighting the parking lot – motion carried.

H. Wymore also received letter regarding the tire recycling again this year. He stated that he would be willing to do it as long as he could get 3 inmates to help. We don't have to set a date right now but they do want the paperwork turned in by the end of the month. H. Wymore will turn in the paperwork pending we can get help on the day of the collection.

H. Wymore also received a notice that the party store on M24 is selling their liquor license pending approval. Poverty Exemption Resolution – The Board needs to approve a Poverty Exemption Resolution. This Resolution needs to be passed every year prior to the March Board of Review meeting. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to approve the Poverty Exemption Resolution as previously approved with one correction – change #5 to meet the federal poverty income guidelines by 113%. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, C. Sherwin-yes, and A. Holbrook-yes. - Motion carried.

H. Wymore received a request from a company requesting to put up a tower. H. Wymore stated that it needs to be turned over to the Planning Commission. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to turn this information over to the Planning Commission – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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