

Fremont Township Minutes
May 16, 2013

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on May 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall.

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

Guests: 10

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the April 11, 2013, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

CHRISTINE TRISCH (County Commissioner):

Christine gave an update on what is going on at the County and also stated that she recently attended some meetings at MAC (Michigan Association of Counties). She discussed some things that she learned regarding the roads and the funding of road repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CLERK REPORT:

PA116 applications – Four applications have been received and it has been recommended by the Tuscola County Planning Commission that the applications be approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve all four PA 116 applications – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$194,566.98 as of April 30, 2013. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried. C. Sherwin received a notice from the County Treasurer regarding a couple parcels in the township that will be going up for tax sale and she wondered if the township wanted to purchase them. The first parcel is 40 acres on the NW corner of Blackmore and Conrad Roads; motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to refuse the offer to purchase this parcel – motion carried. The second parcel is 2.5 acres at 1585 Maier Road; motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to refuse the offer to purchase this parcel – motion carried. C. Sherwin also commented that he did some research about the question asked at last month's meeting regarding requiring all the members of the other township boards to attend the Township Board meeting. Per MTA's legal department, we can require the members to attend the meeting but we would have to pay them their normal meeting rate. C. Sherwin stated that if we were to do this, it would cost the township about \$20,000 per year. The Resident that mentioned the question last month also commented again at this meeting that they felt that the people on the boards should have enough interest in what is going on at the township that they would attend the meeting without having to be required to or be paid.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: Sold two lots at the North Grove Cemetery.

Road: Fremont Township was approved for the township wide brush spraying by the Road Commission and it will not cost the township any money. H. Wymore also received a bid for Blackmore Road from Lobdell to M-24. He also received only one bid for the brush removal on Hunt Road and Chambers Road. H. Wymore also commented that he spoke with the Road Commission and was told that if they can dump the spoilage from Waterman Road on the DNR property that is nearby that it would save the township a considerable amount of money. At this point, Jay from the Road Commission is still trying to get in touch with someone from the DNR. A Resident also commented that they knew of a contractor that would do the

work on Waterman Road for only \$15,000. J. Welke told this Resident to have the contractor contact H. Wymore so that he can be informed of what is required and so that the contractor can give the Board a bid for the work. After much discussion about the various road projects, the Board decided to table all road work until next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore mentioned that the township's tax maps have been updated and are available on the county's website. He also stated that he has talked to a few other supervisors and they think that the digital mapping would be beneficial but only if the County paid for it. H. Wymore also wanted to mention that the flag is back flying at the Hall and he wanted to thank Lyle Fryers and Jack Long for repairing the rope on the flagpole. Lyle Fryers has a property owner on Snover Road that he has given two citations to because the owner has a small building that does not meet the setback requirements. The property owner has told Lyle that they will move the building but as of today has not. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to let Lyle proceed with the next step if it is in violation of our ordinance. H. Wymore also wanted to comment that the house on Saginaw Road is being cleaned up and the mobile home on Snover Road has been removed and that someone is interested in buying the burnt house on Mertz Road and this potential buyer has already met with Lyle to get a list of what needed to be done in order to bring the property to compliance. A Resident commented that it was brought up last month that according to the MTA News township boards are not suppose to use township money to send flowers for funerals and this Resident wondered what the Board was going to do about the money that was already spent on Keith Talsma's funeral for flowers. The Board mentioned that at the time they were not aware that this was not allowed and that it has been noted and will not happen again. This Resident however was persistent that the Board should reimburse the township for the money spent. A. Holbrook found that the cost of the flowers was \$30 and the board will split the cost between them and reimburse the township. Tyler Ireland commented that per discussion last month, he looked into the cost of a roll-off dumpster that could be placed at the hall for a spring cleanup day. He said the cost would be \$425 for the first drop-off and \$400 for each additional pickup and drop-off. He said that this would be for up to 5 ton in the dumpster and that anything over the 5 ton would have an additional cost. The Board discussed as to what items would be allowed and whether or not it would be supervised. It was also mentioned that maybe we should check with Watertown Twp and see what their procedure is for accepting items. The Board decided to table this at this time. A Resident mentioned at this time that they think the township needs to have different committees that are made up of volunteer residents that could bring reports to the board regarding roads or other topics in the township. H. Wymore commented that this has been brought up before but there didn't seem like there was enough interest in it. This subject was tabled at this time.

BILLS:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 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