

Fremont Township Minutes June 13, 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 Township Hall.

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

Guests: 12

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the May 16, 2013, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident mentioned that they would like to see a center line painted on North Lake Road from Saginaw Road to Brown Road. This Resident stated that they have asked for this before and that there have been white fog lines painted on the road but they feel it would be better if there was a center line because there is a blind curve on that road and the center line would help to prevent an accident. They also commented that there are no signs warning of the blind curve. H. Wymore commented that he will talk to the Road Commission about this and see what can be done. Another Resident who lives on Waterman Road wondered what was going to be done about their road. This Resident stated that they know we have been talking about having it ditched but nothing has been decided yet. They commented that even when there is a little rain there is a lot of water that settles in their yard. H. Wymore stated that the Board will be discussing Waterman Road later in the meeting. Another Resident asked when the Road Commission would start brush spraying the roads. H. Wymore commented that he received a letter from the Road Commission but it did not state when they would start but he thought it would be around the last week in June or first of July. Another Resident asked a question regarding a bill that was paid last month to Taylor, Butterfield (Gary Howell). A. Holbrook explained to this Resident what that bill was for. This Resident also commented that they felt the Trustees were not included in some of the discussions. And they also stated that they felt it was not appropriate for the Township to have three members of the Planning Commission also holding positions on other boards.

CLERK REPORT:

Received a notice from the attorney stating that DTE had agreed to the settlement of \$2,000. Now the township just has to wait to receive the check and that case will be settled.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$207,142.46 as of May 31, 2013. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Spring Clean Up – C. Sherwin received a price from Universal Recycling to get a dumpster to place at the hall for a spring clean up day. The cost would be \$450 for the first dumpster to be dropped off and \$400 for each additional dumpster needed. Tyler from Universal Recycling has also agreed to supervise for the day. J. Welke thinks it would be a good idea but wondered how many dumpsters would be needed. I. Barrons stated that if we just have one dumpster that it may fill up fast and then we would have to turn people away. H. Wymore commented that other townships have done this and it is very successful. A. Holbrook mentioned that she got information from Watertown Twp. and they coordinate their clean up day with the tire recycling day. There was also discussion on what would be allowed. J. Welke mentioned that he thought it would be a good idea to have this in September. The other Board members thought that would be a good idea also. This topic was tabled until we can check to see where we could fit this in the budget.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report: H. Wymore would like the Board to approve the funds to paint the building at the Fremont Cemetery. He received a price from the Cemetery Caretaker to paint the building for \$1,766. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the bid for painting the cemetery building – motion carried.

Roads: H. Wymore received a price for roadside mowing. The cost to mow all the roads in the township would be \$7,500 for the first mowing and \$3,000 if a second mowing is needed. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to approve the roadside mowing for \$7,500 – motion carried. H. Wymore also received a letter from the Road Commission regarding renewing the haul permit for Ambrose Road and this letter stated that some roadwork would

need to be done before they could renew it. H. Wymore then received a letter from the Road Commission stating that they had extended the current haul permit for Ambrose Road until November 2013.

H. Wymore then commented that the Board needed to approve the work to be done this year on roads. The bid from the Road Commission to resurface Blackmore Road from M24 to Lobdell Road is \$70,057.50 which is our oldest road and would qualify for the \$25,000 matching funds. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the roadwork on Blackmore Road – motion carried. H. Wymore commented that we did receive a couple other bids on Waterman Road but according to the Road Commission since we have already gotten a bid from them, if we go with one of the other bids we will lose the \$27,500 worth of matching funds. The Road Commission also commented that once we receive a bid from them we would have to wait for a year to accept any other bid without losing the matching funds. H. Wymore will discuss with the Road Commission about removing the one driveway on Waterman Road that is causing the water to back up and see if that helps. The Road Commission does not believe that there is a culvert in that driveway so it will not cost the Township anything for them to come and clean out the dirt. However, if there is a culvert that needs replaced, the township will be responsible for that cost which shouldn't be more than \$2,500. The Board thought this was a good start to see if it will help on Waterman Road. H. Wymore also received a bid from Kappen Tree Service for brush and tree removal on Hunt Road from M24 to the cemetery. This bid was \$36,000 to do both sides of the road. H. Wymore talked to Kappen about only doing half the project this year and they agreed to keep the bid as is but we can pay them to do half this year and then the other half next year. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to accept the proposal from Kappen Tree Service for brush and tree removal on Hunt Road and to do half this year and half next year – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Welke stated that in an MTA email it was mentioned about a grant available to receive a defibrillator. He stated that the Fire Department is looking into this grant and the deadline is June 17th. It was mentioned that since the grant is through the township association they are unsure if the Fire Department will be able to sign for this grant or if it will need to be signed for by the township. J. Welke stated that if the township needed to sign for it, there would be no financial obligation to the township. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the township to sign any necessary paperwork for the grant for the Fire Department to receive a defibrillator with no financial obligation to the township – motion carried.

H. Wymore stated that he received a call from the furnace company asking if we would like them to come out to do a cleaning on the furnace. They usually do a Spring and Fall cleaning and the cost is \$100 each time plus the cost of the filter. H. Wymore thought it may be a good idea because of the trouble we had with the drywall dust in the old furnace. A. Holbrook stated that it may be a good idea to have them come out this time and see how much dust there is and possibly in the future we can just replace the filter ourselves. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to have the furnace company come out and clean it out this time and see how it goes – motion carried.

H. Wymore wanted to update everyone on the digital tax mapping. Apparently Tuscola and Sanilac Counties are the only counties in Michigan that do not have the digital tax mapping.

H. Wymore also wanted to talk to the Board about possibly putting a tornado siren at the township hall. He stated that this isn't something we could do this year but maybe next year. He thinks it is something that we should start thinking about. It was mentioned that maybe there would be a possibility of getting a grant for this purpose. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to have the Tuscola County Emergency Department look into putting in a tornado siren at the township hall – motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills by A. Holbrook seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 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