

**Fremont Township Minutes
January 12, 2012**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on January 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, and I. Barrons. Guests: 11

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the December 8, 2011, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

KURT DAMROW (State Representative):

Came to talk about the business of the 84th District. He gave an update of what has happened in the House of Representatives in the last year and what the focus will be for this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident who lives on the corner of Leix and Blackmore Road would like the Board to consider putting a 4-way stop on that corner because he has seen three serious accidents in the last year on that corner. Another Resident commented that they talked to someone at the state police about the corner of Leix and Blackmore Road and this person felt that having a clear vision area would be more beneficial than a 4-way stop. It was also brought up that stop ahead signs on Blackmore Road would be beneficial or even rumble strips. Another Resident wanted to know why the township doesn't put up a locking mailbox outside of the hall. This resident feels a lot of money could be saved by not having PO boxes and paying for mileage.

PAUL THOMPSON (Cemetery Caretaker):

He stated that he knows that when he bid for the caretaker position it was a 3-year contract but with the price of gas he would like the Board to consider giving him an increase. J. Welke asked Paul how much of an increase he was looking for and Paul stated that he was looking at an increase of \$2,400. A motion was made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to table this until next month – motion carried. Paul also would like the Board to consider raising the cost of a cremation burial from \$100 to \$250 because all the surrounding area prices are higher. The Board will table this to look into it further.

CLERK REPORT: Budget Workshop will be held immediately following the February 9th board meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$114,745.07 as of December 31, 2011. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried. The CD at Mayville State Bank is up for renewal – Board decided to let the CD roll over. C. Sherwin also gave the Board a reimbursement form to pay Julie Meyer for time and travel for coming up to train him. Cost would be \$150 per day for 5 days. A. Holbrook stated that at the November Board meeting the Board passed a motion to pay her the current amount the treasurer was making but pro-rated for the days that she work. If you divided the treasurer salary by the number of days between meetings it is roughly \$30 a day. A. Holbrook also stated that she was paid at last month's meeting for 20 days in November which included November 11-30th. H. Wymore stated that we still have money in the budget for training for the treasurer. Karen Hopp from the County Treasurer's office asked if C. Sherwin has contacted other twp. treasurer's for help or even BS&A. C. Sherwin stated that he did contact BS&A but they will not have a training for several months. Karen Hopp also stated that C. Sherwin is doing a great job because now when someone calls that County for tax information and they give out C. Sherwin's phone number the County doesn't hear back from that person which means C. Sherwin is doing his job. Karen Hopp feels he is doing a fantastic job. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to pay Julie Meyer the \$150 per day for the 5 days of training – motion carried with 4 yes and 1 no.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery – sold \$200 worth of lots at the North Grove Cemetery.

Road Report – motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to submit a letter to the Road Commission to have them do a study on the Leix & Blackmore Road corner – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore received a letter from Jeff Winger (Chairman of the Mayville DDA) requesting that the Board appoint someone to fill Julie Meyer's position on the DDA. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by C. Sherwin to appoint A. Holbrook to the Mayville DDA – motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 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