

**Fremont Township Minutes
July 14, 2011**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on July 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, J. Meyer and I. Barrons. Guests: 9

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the June 9, 2011 minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

GARY ANDERSON – ATBD

Explained the township's audit report and how the township's finances look. Gary stated that the township's finances are in good shape.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked how much we pay for the audit? J. Meyer stated that it is about \$3,000. This Resident also asked if the brush spraying has been done because there are several spots on their road that has been missed. This resident feels that they did not do a good job. H. Wymore stated that he will call the Road Commission and bring this to their attention.

CLERK REPORT:

Mileage rate has been increased by the IRS to 55.5¢ per mile. Motion made by I. Barrons seconded by J. Welke to increase the township mileage reimbursement rate to 55.5¢ per mile – motion carried.

AT&T Permit Extension – motion made by J. Welke, seconded by J. Meyer to grant the extension – motion carried.

Insurance – met with Larry Clever from Burnham & Flower regarding our insurance policy which is due to renew in August. He has suggested that we look into increasing our Zoning only liability and also look into getting Law Enforcement Liability. He will give us an estimate for adding each of these if the township is interested. Also Larry is willing to attend a township meeting. As soon as A. Holbrook gets the information from Burnham & Flower she will forward it on to the Board members.

Charter Township – received notice from the Secretary of State that due to the fact that our township has over 2,000 residents we qualify to become a Charter Township. If we were to do this we would be required to add 2 trustees. One of the other benefits is that the township would have more protection against annexation. H. Wymore would like to table this until later so that we are able to do more research. Board agreed that at this time it would be tabled.

TREASURER REPORT:

Property on Saginaw Road that could have been purchased by the township for back taxes will not be going up for sale so the Board does not need to discuss this matter anymore.

CD at Mayville State Bank will be maturing on July 22nd. The interest rate is currently .4% and the balance of the CD is \$6,111.10. After discussion the Board decided to leave it where it is and let it renew.

Treasurer balance was \$109,176.99 as of June 30, 2011. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Road Report – Will contact the Road Commission about re-spraying the brush.

Cemetery Report – Sold \$1500 in cemetery lots. Received a bid from Tuscola County Vault Company to repair four headstone foundations. We budgeted \$1000 towards the repair of headstones and the bid is for \$1157. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by J. Meyer to approve the repair of the 4

headstones at the price of \$1157 – motion carried. Received an estimate from Paul Thompson for putting gravel on the road at the Fremont Cemetery. There was discussion as to what type of gravel would be used and if there was another option to better repair the road where there is water run-off from the hill. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the bid from Paul Thompson to place the gravel on the cemetery road with the exception that it is on hold until we can figure out what needs to be done to divert the water from the area by the hill – motion carried.

ORV Ordinance – Planning Commission recommends that the township let the County Board of Commissioners handle this issue. They feel that the township shouldn't make their own ordinance but should accept whatever ordinance the County may put in place. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by J. Meyer to accept whatever decision the County Board of Commissioners make regarding an ORV Ordinance – motion carried.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills made by A. Holbrook seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 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