

Fremont Township Minutes
May 7, 2014

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on May 7, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: 9

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the April 10, 2014, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that while driving around the township they have noticed a number of places that have blight issues. They asked if there was anything that could be done other than filing a complaint. H. Wymore stated that the Zoning Administrator talks to the property owners when problems are brought to his attention. This Resident stated that there is a big problem on the north side of Snover Road, west of M24. Another Resident stated that there is also a problem on the south side of M46 between Waterman & Leix Road. H. Wymore said that he would let Lyle Fryers know so he can check it out.

CLERK REPORT:

Resolution of approval of the 2014-2018 Mayville Park and Recreation Plan – Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to approve the Resolution as presented – motion unanimously carried.

AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension – received a request from AT&T to approve their right of way extension. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the right of way extension for AT&T – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$214,840.70 as of April 30, 2014. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Received a notice from the Tuscola County Treasurer's office regarding the Township having the possibility of purchasing a piece of property that will be going up for tax sale. The property is located at 4390 Leix Road and is 2 acres.. C. Sherwin stated that he looked at the property and it has an old abandoned mobile home and some abandoned cars on it. C. Sherwin stated that the property is a blight issue and he thinks the Township should purchase the property so that we can have it cleaned up and then look at selling it to recoup the costs spent. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to purchase the property – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Had only one burial this last month. The Cemetery Caretaker has made some boxes to place at the cemeteries with the cemetery rules. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to have the Caretaker finish making the boxes and have them placed at the cemeteries.

Road Report – Received 2 bids for the Waterman Road ditch work. There were a few other companies that looked at the paperwork but would not submit a bid because they needed more information before they could do so. It was mentioned that maybe the Board should not open the bids received and send them back until we were able to get a more detailed list of what is required for the job. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to send back the bids received and to clarify with the Road Commission what exactly is required and then to put it out for bids again and to also notify the companies that submitted bids when we are accepting bids again – motion carried. The oldest mile this year is Blackmore Road from Leix to Chambers. The cost to resurface this road is \$69,833.40 and it would

qualify us for the \$25,000 matching funds. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the bid for the work on Blackmore Road – motion carried. H. Wymore stated that Kappen Tree Service said that they would honor their bid from last year for Chambers Road tree removal from Snover Road north a ½ mile. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to accept Kappen’s bid for \$18,000 for tree removal on Chambers Road – motion carried. J. Welke asked what was going to be done about Hunt Road, east of M24. H. Wymore stated that it would be taken care of with gravel patching.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke to start the process for a possible special assessment to cover fire protection and fire runs for Fremont Township – Roll call vote: C. Sherwin-yes, A.

Holbrook-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-yes, H. Wymore-yes. Motion carried. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to hire Gary Howell to walk the Board through the special assessment process – Roll call vote: A. Holbrook-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-yes, C. Sherwin-yes, H. Wymore-yes. Motion carried.

H. Wymore stated that he received a notice from EDC requesting \$650. This is something that the Township has done in the past. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by I. Barrons to pay the EDC \$650 – motion carried.

Received a letter from the State of Michigan stating that the Township failed the received AMAR (Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements). A. Holbrook sent a copy of the letter to the Assessor and she stated that she disagrees with some of their findings. Connie Lipka sent a letter for H. Wymore to sign and mail to the State explaining what is being challenged. H. Wymore stated that he will ask Connie Lipka to attend our next Board meeting so that she bring the Board up to date at that time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 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