

Fremont Township Minutes
August 10, 2017

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on June 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, J. Welke, and M. Blatt. Absent: C. Sherwin

Guests: 12

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the July 13, 2017, regular board meeting. Motion made by M. Blatt, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by M. Blatt seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident mentioned that the mowing job the county did on M24 is terrible. H. Wymore stated that the township has nothing to do with that and it would have to be taken to the Road Commission. Kim Vaughan (County Commissioner) stated that the Commissioners have a liaison that works with the Road Commission and that he will take the complaint to them.

KIM VAUGHAN (County Commissioner):

He thanked everyone who came out and voted for the Sherriff Patrol and Senior millages. He also stated that the Commissioners received an invitation to go to Washington and one of the commissioners was able to attend. He also stated that they had a representative from Cypress Creek which is a solar farm company and they were given a lot of information and were able to get answers to a lot of questions. One of our Residents stated that he had recently attending a seminar and solar farms were discussed and it was stated that Cypress Creek is a shady company. J. Welke asked about how much of the solar farms would be paid for through subsidies and how much of a tax break they would get. Kim stated that it is still being discussed. He also stated that townships need to have ordinances for solar farms because without them, solar farms cannot come into townships.

CLERK REPORT:

Election Tuesday went well. Had a 348 voter turnout.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$352,167.96 as of July 31, 2017. Motion to accept treasurer report made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore stated that the gravel has been placed at the cemetery and the trees trimmed.

Road Report – Last month the Board approved \$2,000 for brush spraying and we are able to do 9 miles. Also the cost of putting gravel on Conrad Road came back about \$1,000 less than the original estimate. H. Wymore also stated that there is a culvert that is plugged on Cat Lake Road north of Snover Road. He is supposed to have a meeting with Jay from the Road Commission to find out what needs to be done. He also stated that the two culverts that were replaced on Blackmore Road are starting to settle and need to have something done and he is going to see what the Road Commission will do.

Insurance – H. Wymore stated that we need to make a decision regarding insurance. Do we want to stay with Burnham & Flower or switch to the new company, EMC. J. Welke stated that he likes Burnham & Flower's proposal because it has a little bit broader coverage and a higher liability coverage. M. Blatt stated that he likes to go with the local company but the premium difference does play a factor. H. Wymore stated that even though EMC's premium is higher he likes to go with the local company and keep the funds closer to home. A. Holbrook stated that she is leaning towards staying with Burnham & Flower due to the lower premium and this way we can recoup some of the money that was spent on the appraisal. M. Blatt stated that he doesn't like the fact that they forced our hand and made us get the appraisal but he also likes the lower premium. J. Welke commented that the

Burnham & Flower plan is cheaper and comes with \$3 million in liability coverage and EMC only has \$2 million in liability coverage. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt to stay with Burnham & Flower for insurance and to pay their premium. Motion carried. A. Holbrook asked if the Board wanted to add the terrorism coverage for \$31 extra. It was stated that if there is a claim and it is found to be caused because of terrorism, we do not have coverage unless we have this added coverage. It was questioned as to whether the EMC proposal included this coverage and J. Welke stated that it was an additional option with them also and that for \$31 it is worth having. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by A. Holbrook to add the terrorism coverage for \$31. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore stated that he and M. Blatt attended a meeting with a company regarding the new medical marijuana law. This company represents both sides and would help us write an ordinance for \$3,000. This company also stated that they would meet with our Planning Commission at no charge. M. Blatt stated that they did say that if our township does not want it in the township, we just need to continue doing nothing. M. Blatt stated that the medical marijuana law was passed by the voters and it is here to stay. He also stated that the topic will be brought up for a vote probably in 2018. M. Blatt stated that during the meeting they were told to do their research. H. Wymore stated that we could make an ordinance to not allow marijuana to be grown outside. This would not affect the current operations but would affect any new ones. It is something to research and look into.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 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