

Fremont Township Minutes
May 11, 2017

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on May 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: 9

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the April 13, 2017, meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by M. Blatt – motion carried

BILLS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident asked if the resurfacing of Ambrose Road was going to be chip and seal or traditional resurfacing. H. Wymore stated that it will be traditional resurfacing of the blacktop and then gravel added from the end of the blacktop to Conrad Road.

KIM VAUGHAN (County Commissioner):

H. Wymore stated that Kim was not able to attend the meeting because he had to be at another township meeting but he wanted us to be aware that the State is going to make a decision in the next few days about the Caro Center. He suggested that people call their legislators and tell them not to close the Caro Center because of the number of jobs that will be lost.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$328,690.02 as of March 31, 2017. Treasurer balance was \$367,683.78 as of April 30, 2017. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by A. Holbrook – motion carried. The Treasurer mentioned that part of the April income was from a transfer from the tax account for \$123,322.09. J. Welke asked where that tax money was from and C. Sherwin stated that it is the money collected from the special assessments and also the money earned from collecting the taxes in house. J. Welke asked where the money was before it was transferred and C. Sherwin stated that it was in the tax account but gets transferred to the general fund after the close of the tax season. C. Sherwin also stated that there are still 266 properties in the township that owe taxes and should be collected by the County so we will have that additional tax money coming in as it is collected.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore stated that the Cemetery Committee met and agreed that \$9 per hour was a fair amount to be paid as that is what is currently paid the election workers. H. Wymore stated that we have a little over 100 hours so far and that with the work being done we have located 8 spaces at the North Grove Cemetery that are available which will bring in \$800 when those spaces sell. Judy Raymond asked if we were planning on trying to recover lots to sell in the old Fremont Cemetery and H. Wymore stated that he had no intentions of selling lots in that part of the Fremont Cemetery. H. Wymore stated that he is asking the Board to approve to pay the Committee members \$9 per hour. M. Blatt asked how long the work would continue because after January 1st the amount would go up because minimum wage is going up. A. Holbrook stated that she thinks we should be finished by the end of the year. C. Sherwin stated that he thinks we should pay the people working on the records \$9 per hour but we should pay a flat fee for the meetings attended. H. Wymore stated that we would save money by paying per hour because the meetings usually only last a couple hours and that would be \$18 instead of our per diem of \$25. C. Sherwin stated that we could set the per diem to whatever we wanted and suggested \$15 per meeting and H. Wymore stated that our normal per diem for the township is \$25. J. Welke wanted to know who we would be paying and H. Wymore stated that we would be paying seven people; the five committee members and Jennifer Leitzel and Victoria Bennett who have volunteered. J. Welke asked Judy Raymond if they were working in the hardest section or if things are going quickly. Judy Raymond stated that they have about 200 lots to finish in the Fremont Cemetery and then they have to cross reference the burials just to double check that everything is included

and that part should go quickly. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to pay \$9 per hour for the 5 cemetery committee members and 2 volunteers – motion carried. J. Welke asked if the trees have been taken down at the cemetery yet and H. Wymore stated that they have not. H. Wymore stated that he received a bid for gravel at the Fremont Cemetery. The cost to put gravel on the entire west side of the Fremont Cemetery is \$5,875 for 22A road gravel or \$8,937 for 21AA road gravel. H. Wymore recommends that we get it done but also stated that we would have to have some tree limbs removed for all the trucks to get into the cemetery and spread the gravel. C. Sherwin asked where the money was going to come from out of the budget. H. Wymore stated that we could take it out of the cemetery cd fund. C. Sherwin stated that he would not recommend doing that because we would lose a lot of money by breaking the cd early. C. Sherwin suggested that we take the \$4,500 that is budgeted in the contingency reserve and add that to our master reserve account and then take the money from there to pay for the gravel. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to purchase the 21AA road gravel for \$8,937 using money from the master reserve account after transferring the \$4,500 budgeted in the contingency reserve – motion carried.

Road Report – H. Wymore stated that the Road Commission brought in all the burms on the gravel roads and they took a little too much from the edge of the roads and the Road Commission stated that it will not happen again. H. Wymore also stated that he met with Michelle from the Road Commission and Michelle wanted to forewarn the Board that the dip on Snover Road is going to have to be repaired next year and the cost will be quite expensive. H. Wymore stated that he thought this should be covered under maintenance but Michelle stated that it was not. J. Welke asked if it would fall under the qualifications for the matching funds and H. Wymore stated that he was not sure. C. Sherwin asked if the Road Commission was going to share in any of the expense and H. Wymore stated that he did not know at this time. H. Wymore stated that Michelle is putting together a proposed cost. H. Wymore stated that we have \$35,584.86 left in the road budget and he would like to spend \$15,000 on gravel patching. C. Sherwin stated that we need to place a lot of gravel on Lobdell Road, east of M24. M. Blatt stated that he has noticed that there is no crown on our gravel roads anymore. C. Sherwin asked if there were any other road projects we need to do this year and J. Welke stated that those projects have been taken care of. C. Sherwin suggested that we spend \$25,000 on gravel patching and use half of that money to fix Lobdell Road. H. Wymore stated that we have other projects that may need to be done and he wants to see what the Road Commission recommends before we spend that much money. He would like to commit to \$15,000 of gravel patching and get the Road Commission's recommendations and then go from there. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by H. Wymore to spend \$15,000 on gravel patching where the Road Commission recommends – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore received a letter from the Mayville VFW asking for donations towards their Veterans Pavilion that will be built on the grounds of the Mayville Museum. H. Wymore stated that he has talked to MTA (Michigan Township Association) and they have said that we can donate to the pavilion as long as the township people can use the pavilion. J. Welke said that he would agree to giving a donation as long as it was legal. It was questioned as to whether the pavilion will have restrooms and it was stated that it will be an open pavilion with an enclosed portion for restrooms and storage. J. Welke stated that he will get clarification on whether or not it is legal for the township to donate. Board tabled this until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 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