

**Fremont Township Minutes
November 10, 2016**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on November 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

Board members present: H. Wymore, C. Sherwin, A. Holbrook, J. Welke & I. Barrons. Absent: None
Guests: 17

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the October 13, 2016, meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills as presented made by C. Sherwin, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Resident stated that at both the public hearings regarding the special assessment for fire protection it was stated by the Board members that the property owners were not going to be billed for fire runs. Another Resident wanted to thank all the election workers (at our township and other township in the county) for the phenomenal job on Tuesday's election. A Resident asked if someone was going to contact the garbage companies to let them know that the Township now has a garbage collection contract. It was mentioned that the companies are already aware of it. Then a Resident stated that Diva Disposal has already stopped picking up garbage in the township and H. Wymore stated that residents can contact Amy at Republic to set up garbage collection until the contract starts. Another Resident asked when Republic will start picking up the garbage and C. Sherwin stated that it will start on December 7th. It was also asked when the garbage containers would be delivered and C. Sherwin said they would be delivered between November 14th-30th.

CONNIE LIPKA (Township Assessor):

Connie turned in a letter of resignation stating that the effective date will either be December 31, 2016 or March 31, 2017 depending on who the Board selects as her successor. She stated that Joan Fackler of Mid-Michigan Assessing Service, LLC has worked with her and is willing to take over the contract for Excel Appraisals. Joan Fackler then gave the Board some background about herself and her qualifications. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to hire Joan Fackler effective April 1, 2017, as the Fremont Twp. Assessor to perform all duties outlined in the Township of Fremont Job Description Assessor adopted by the township on September 14, 2009. 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 accept Connie Lipka's resignation with much regret, effective March 31, 2017. Roll call vote: A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-yes, C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by J. Welke to transfer the contract for Assessing Services dated November 12, 2009, from Excel Appraisals to Mid-Michigan Assessing Services, LLC. Roll call vote: H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, C. Sherwin-yes. Motion carried.

CLERK REPORT:

County Board of Canvasser's has completed the canvass for the November 8th election and it has been certified as of today.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$253,771.37 as of October 31, 2016. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – Sold \$900 worth of cemetery lots. H. Wymore stated that we also have several available spaces at the Fremont Cemetery however they need to be cleaned up and have a dirt pile removed from them. H. Wymore would like approval for Wayne (cemetery caretaker) to clean up the spaces and submit a bill for the work. H. Wymore stated that there were at least 16 spaces available. I. Barrons asked how much it would cost for the work and Wayne stated he wasn't sure but probably only 3-4 days work. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to have Wayne clean out the spaces in the cemetery so that we can sell them – motion carried. H. Wymore stated that he has also been talking to MTA about the possibility of reclaiming vacant cemetery lots and MTA stated that we would need to put an ordinance in place to be able to do this.

Road Report – H. Wymore stated that we have approximately \$6,000 left in the road budget and he would like to put that into a cd to start saving money for future road projects. C. Sherwin stated that he thinks we should take some money from the master reserve account and add to it so that we have \$10,000 to put in the cd. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by H. Wymore to place \$10,000 into a cd for road projects. J. Welke asked how many years the cd would be and C. Sherwin stated that we usually do 3 years. H. Wymore asked if we can add to the cd and C. Sherwin stated that we can add to it on the anniversary date. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Appointments: Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to appoint Kim Vaughn to the Planning Commission to finish Matt Blatts' term which ends 12/31/2017 – motion carried. Motion made by H. Wymore, seconded by C. Sherwin to appoint Peter Mocerri to the Zoning Board of Appeals to finish Gerald Brown's term which ends 12/31/2017. Motion carried.

December Board of Review – December Board of Review will be December 13th at 7pm.

A Resident stated that they would like to thank I. Barrons for all her hard work over the last 8 years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 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