

**Fremont Township Minutes
March 10, 2011**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on March 10, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, J. Meyer, and I. Barrons and J. Welke. Guests: 11

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the February 10, 2011 minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Meyer, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tyler Ireland wanted to let the board know that he operates Universal Recycling and picks up garbage in the township for both residential and commercial. Right now more than half of his clients are from Fremont Twp. The cost for his garbage pickup and recycling is \$20 per month.

A Resident wondered why the township put out a survey regarding adding the garbage collection to the tax bill. This resident thought that if the current system isn't broke then why fix it. H. Wymore stated that we are looking into this possibility because we have been asked by residents as to why we do not have it on the taxes.

Another Resident stated that the reason this came about is because other townships that have garbage pick up on their tax bill pay a lower price for their garbage pickup. This resident also asked what the turnout was at this time on survey returns. A. Holbrook stated that so far she has received over 200.

Another Resident wondered if it would be possible to negotiate the contract with the garbage company if it did come about that it was added to the taxes. H. Wymore stated that if it is decided that we move forward with this we will have a meeting where several garbage companies would be invited to attend and submit bids.

A Resident asked what will happen after the surveys are turned in. The Board commented that we will make a decision according to the result.

Another Resident also commented that they have talked to Republic Waste Services and that they would be willing to send someone to the township to explain the services they offer.

TOM KERN (County Commissioner):

Tom attended the meeting to update us on what is going on at the County level. First he stated that the County is concerned about finances and are waiting to see what cuts will be made with the State's new budget. Second he stated that the Courthouse construction is underway and some offices have already been moved to the building on Lincoln Street. He also stated that they have had a couple of the county employees leave, one was the coordinator of the Tuscola County Recycling and the other was one of their IT guys. He also stated that the County is not planning on doing an ordinance regarding Medical Marijuana they feel that this is something that should be done on a township level not the county level.

CLERK REPORT:

Budget – Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by J. Meyer to approve the 2011/2012 Budget. Roll call vote: J. Meyer-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, H. Wymore-yes, J. Welke-yes, I. Barrons-yes, Motion carried.

Blight Ordinance – Board discussed the proposed updated Blight Ordinance. There were some questions regarding it and so the Board decided to table it at this time for further discussion later.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance – motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to adopt the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Roll call vote: I. Barrons-yes, J. Welke-yes, H. Wymore-yes, A. Holbrook-yes, J. Meyer-yes. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$120,310.43 as of February 28, 2011. Motion to accept treasurer report made by A. Holbrook, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Road Report – received a letter from the Road Commission requesting our participation in a grant to place reflective strips on the stop and yield signs. The cost to the township would be \$1,130. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons to participate in the grant and pay our share – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board needs to reappoint Hobart Putman as an alternate to the Board of Review because he was not sworn in within the necessary deadline. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Meyer to reappoint Hobart Putman as an alternate the Board of Review – motion carried.

There is a Planning & Zoning Seminar on April 18th. If any board members would like to attend, please let us know.

BILLS:

Motion to pay the bills made by J. Welke seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 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. However, the April meeting will be held on April 7th. All public is welcome to attend.

Amy Holbrook, Fremont Township Clerk