

Fremont Township Minutes September 10, 2015

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on September 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Township Hall.

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

Guests: 18

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the August 13, 2015, minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

H. Wymore mentioned that we will have public comments at this time for everything except the police contract and then prior to the Board discussion regarding the police contract will be open the meeting for public comments regarding that contract. We had no public comments at this time.

CLERK REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$199,561.12 as of August 31, 2015. Motion to accept treasurer report made by J. Welke, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery Report – H. Wymore had people comment that they were very pleased with how the cemetery looked for the holiday weekend.

Road Report – H. Wymore received a haul agreement for Snover Road from Leix Road to MI Agg Products Driveway. H. Wymore also received a letter from the Road Commission stating that they had awarded the chip seal contract to Pavement Maintenance Systems and they haven't met the deadline to complete the work so they will be charged \$100 per day until the project is started. The letter also stated that if the project is not started by September 21st, the work will have to be cancelled due to the weather limitations. H. Wymore also received a letter from the Road Commission requesting what road work we will be doing in 2016. H. Wymore will have them give us estimates on the oldest miles. A Resident also mentioned that there is a big hole on the north side of O'Brien Road on the blacktop. He stated that it is about 100 yards east of Conrad Road on O'Brien. H. Wymore stated that we will look into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Contract Public Comments:

A Resident commented that he has lived at his current residence for 15 years and has had several incidents on his road of people speeding, drinking and driving and other problems. He stated that he has had to call 911 and has waited over 2.5 hours and no one responds to the incidents. He stated that he is in favor of contracting the Mayville Police department because he feels the increased patrol would cut down on the drinking and driving and troubles on his road. Another Resident stated that he has lived at his current residence for 42 years and has never had a problem getting the police to show up when needed. This Resident states that we already pay taxes for coverage from the County and State police and we do not need to pay for another police department. He also stated that the Township doesn't need the added liability. Another Resident asked this Resident how many times he has had to call the police out and he stated that he has not had to call them too much but they always respond within 10 minutes or so. This Resident stated that the County or State police can call the Mayville police for assistance and it doesn't cost the township anything and the township doesn't have liability. Another Resident stated that he has lived at his current residence for 21 years and he has had to call the police and it has taken them 3-4 days to respond. He suggests that we get someone in this area that can control the issues. This Resident thinks it is a very good idea to contract with the Mayville Police because we would get quicker response time. Another Resident stated that she is not in favor of the contract. She has lived at her current residence for 43 years and there will

always be people speeding down the road and drinking and driving but unless the police are right there at the time, it won't make a difference. This Resident thinks that if we want to go ahead with this, we should have a public hearing to get more input. Another Resident stated that about 2 years ago there was an automobile accident and it took the police 25-30 minutes to get on scene and that the Mayville Police showed up within 3 minutes even though it was out of their jurisdiction. Another Resident asked if the contract lists the number of hours we would have coverage. A. Holbrook stated that the contract says a minimum of 40 hours per week. Another Resident asked how the Mayville Police was going to patrol Kingston, Mayville and Fremont Township with only 3 officers. Mayville Police Chief commented that they have 6 officers and can hire more as needed.

Board discussion regarding the Police Contract:

H. Wymore asked the Village Manager if the County or State police contract the Mayville police for shared assistance if the Mayville police can refuse. The Village Manager stated that if the Mayville police are dealing with their own emergency they have to finish that first. J. Welke stated that he wasn't aware that we were considering a police contract until 2 months ago when he received a copy of the proposed contract in his email. J. Welke stated that he can't see where we would get the money to cover it and doesn't see the need for it. I. Barrons asked why the contract came about. A. Holbrook stated that the current contract that we have with the Mayville Police was due to expire so she contacted the Chief of Police about renewing that contract and we were sent this proposed contract. C. Sherwin asked the Chief of Police to speak regarding the contract. He stated that due to the current economic times, it is good to have shared services. He stated that we would have 40 hours of coverage during the day and 40 hours of coverage at night. H. Wymore stated that if we decided to agree to the contract, we would need to have the contract looked over by our attorney. I. Barrons stated that she thinks we should have more time to consider this contract and also that we should have a public hearing to get more input. J. Welke made a motion to discontinue the discussion and not enter into a contract with the Mayville Police Department, there was no second to the motion so it died on the table. Motion made by C. Sherwin, seconded by I. Barrons to table the police contract until we can have it looked at by our attorney and also so that we can research where in the budget we could cover the costs – motion carried with 4 yes and 1 no.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 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