

Fremont Township Minutes
November 12, 2015

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on November 12, 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: 19

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the October 8, 2015, minutes were approved. Motion made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A Mayville Village Council member stated that they felt that H. Wymore came to the Council meeting to make them feel bad about what was said at the October Township Board meeting. This Council member stated that they didn't disrespect the police, they just spoke their opinion. A Township Resident asked if the emergency siren went off on the first Wednesday of November. H. Wymore stated that he was waiting to hear back from the Fire Chief regarding the siren. J. Welke commented that it wouldn't have gone off because they only test them on the first Wednesday in April through October. Another Township Resident stated that at the last board meeting the Township Board voted against the Police Contract and they wanted to know if it was going to be brought up again. H. Wymore stated that it isn't on the agenda so it won't be discussed unless the township people bring it up. Another Resident wanted to know why the Board isn't giving the people the right to vote on the Police Contract. This Resident feels that the Board is taking away their freedom. The Mayville Village President stated that a Township Resident keeps bringing up the fact that they have a secret police and that the Village President and Chief of Police have a tight relationship. The Village President stated that he did not attend the Chief of Police's wedding and would like people to stop spreading facts that are untrue. A Village Resident stated that if having police coverage is so important to the Township that maybe the Township should take over the police department and then the Village would just contract with the Township. A Township Resident stated that they heard that H. Wymore stated that he would vote differently regarding the Police Contract if it was brought up again. H. Wymore stated that this was true because he has had a lot of phone calls from people who are for the contract. This Resident also commented that they think we need better lighting in the township hall parking lot and we also need to have better markers at the driveway because it is too hard to see the driveway at night. Another Township Resident stated that the Village of Mayville and the Township of Fremont are two different entities and they do not have any desire to see them combined. This Resident also commented that they feel that the Board would have had more public input regarding the Police Contract if it would have been publicized.

ROBERT DECOE:

Discussed the rights of citizens to address their Government granted in the US Constitution in the First Amendment. Discussed and gave the Township Board information stating that the Village of Mayville is in violation of the General Law Village Act 3 of 1895. Discussed remarks made by a Mayville Village Council member made at a Village study meeting on October 13, 2015, concerning the proposed Police Contract presented to Fremont Township. Discussed remarks made by the Township Supervisor at the Village Council meeting held on October 20, 2015. Discussed statements made by the Township Supervisor at the Township Board meeting held on October 8, 2015.

CLERK REPORT:

Received a letter from our Insurance Company stating that the IRS requires retirement plan sponsors to restate their plan documents at regular intervals and that our plan is due for an update. Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to approve the Resolution as presented by the Insurance Company regarding the amendment and restatement of the Fremont Township Non-ERISA Retirement Plan – motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer balance was \$214,940.42 as of October 31, 2015. Motion to accept treasurer report made by I. Barrons, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Board Appointments: Motion made by J. Welke, seconded by C. Sherwin to appoint Tyler Ireland and Rose Ann Laskowski to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term and to appoint James Holmes to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

H. Wymore stated that several of the Board members have heard rumors that there is a petition being circulated to annex the Village of Mayville back to the Township. H. Wymore stated that as the Supervisor he wants to go on the record stating that the Township is not interested in taking over the Village.

Board of Review will meet on December 15, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall.

H. Wymore received a letter from the MI Department of Treasury stating that after a follow-up AMAR review, the review showed that all items have been corrected and the next AMAR review will be in 2019.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 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