

**Fremont Township Minutes
October 14, 2010**

The regular meeting for the Fremont Twp. Board of Trustees was held on October 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board present: H. Wymore, A. Holbrook, J. Meyer, I. Barrons, and J. Welke. Guests: 5

MINUTES:

Without objection or correction the September 9, 2010 minutes were approved. Motion made by J. Meyer, seconded by I. Barrons – motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident mentioned that we need to update the Planning Commission members on the website.

Tino Alvarez:

Came to talk to the board regarding the quality of work done on his father's footing for the tombstone. He has made 4 trips up here and the work is not acceptable. He would like to bring in his own contractor to get the work done. Since someone would have to remove the headstone and footing before the new contractor could do the work, the Board decided to get a price from his contractor for removing the headstone and current footing, which the Twp. would pay for but Mr. Alvarez would be responsible for the rest. The Board agreed to do this as long as the cost is approved by the board members prior to the job being started.

CLERK REPORT:

Absentee Ballot Applications are available outside the Township Hall or can be downloaded from the website. There is a Planning Commission meeting on Monday, October 18th at 7 p.m.

TREASURER REPORT:

Attended the County Treasurers meeting and was told that the County is switching over to the BS&A software for taxes. We would have had to do this but we already made that switch last year.

Treasurer balance was \$60,196.20 as of September 30, 2010. Motion to accept treasurer report by A. Holbrook, seconded by J. Welke – motion carried.

H. Wymore also mentioned that the late fee that is being charged for late tax payments is collected by the township but the township has to pay that fee to the county, it is not kept by the township.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Cemetery – sold \$900 worth of cemetery lots

Guidelines for Public Meetings/Hearings – I. Barrons feels that this seems a little threatening and that we are already losing attendance at our meetings. J. Meyer felt that we should take out “and address” from #1. It was also mentioned that we should change “area designated” to “seated area” in #8. Motion made by J. Meyer seconded by J. Welke to adopt the Guidelines with the above changes – motion carried.

Snow Plowing – H. Wymore is willing to plow the parking lot when necessary. Board feels at this time to allow H. Wymore to continue snow plowing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Received a thank you note from the Road Commission regarding the twp. keeping their bill with them current. Received a notice from the Drain Commissioner that they are taking bids for cleaning out the Fremont Drain.

H. Wymore would like to see the township add a link on the township website to list the local business.

Anyone interested in having their business listed should contact the Township Clerk.

Flag Pole Light – H. Wymore thinks that the Board should approve a set amount for this job to be done and then he will talk to MTW to see if they could do the project within that price range. J. Welke asked if we needed to fly the flag all the time. He feels that it is fine the way it is with us just flying it when we are here and on

holidays. J. Meyer commented that enough residents have commented about it that she feels we need to have the flag out all the time. Ken Bragg asked why we don't just run conduit from the light fixture outside and run the wire on the ground to the flag pole and have a light at the base of the flag pole. Ken will look into the cost of doing it this way.

Stuart Thornton wanted to know why we cannot have the funeral services during the winter on the east side of the Fremont Cemetery because the west side is so slippery. J. Welke stated that the cemetery drives need to be plowed more often. J. Welke also thinks that should be a choice given to the family. No decision was made at this time regarding this issue.

BILLS:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 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