

FREMONT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
WINN COMMUNITY BUILDING
APRIL 26, 2021

Supervisor Himebaugh opened the meeting at the Fremont Township office at 7 p.m. Members present: Himebaugh, Schimmelmenn, Barrett, Main, and VanBonn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Motion by Main and support by Barrett to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

Motion by Main and supported by Van Bonn to accept the minutes of March 23, 2021. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report. Motion by Schimmelmenn and supported by Main to accept the treasurer's report.

General Fund Balance	97,946.01
Investment Account	142,729.56
Fire Department	42,597.84
First Response	81,525.60
Planning & Zoning	136.53

Bill Paid in December (Reports attached)

General Fund	Check #10073-10084+OnLine Pmts	\$7,864.94
Fire Fund	Check #5266-5269+OnLine Pmts	\$1,769.70
First Response	Check #1178-1181 OnLine Pmts	\$4,196.33
P&Z	Check #	

Reports.

Clerk: Possible CARE funds to be available to townships. Account set up in SAMS.gov

Fire Chief: ● FTFD - The FF's voted to remove the two grass jeeps that are owned by the DNR. The units have been problematic for a long time, hard to find parts, either don't run and/or fail when they get to the scene. This allowed us enough room to get the second grass pick up in the station and in-service versus having to be outside all summer/winter.

- FTFD - I have been scanning hundreds of old documents into a digital PDF. These files are required to keep per the SOM retention schedule. Receipts and other items that only require a 7 year retention have been destroyed. The old files were becoming mouse bedding and a mess. This will allow us to get rid of an old metal file cabinet that has only two drawers that actually work.
- Utilities Heavy Rescue has an air brake problem. The brake will not lock. Spoke with Peterbilt company in Mt Pleasant who work on large trucks. We will be taking it to them this week and/or early next. This will save us a response fee of \$350 from R&R that is typical when we call them.
- FTFD - The department will start having one meeting (first Thursday) that will be dedicated to training only. The second meeting will not be inventory, clean, repair and business meeting. This will allow us to maintain the equipment and make repairs without interfering with actual training.
- FTFD - we took possession of the MAKO air filling system that was purchased from the TFD. We are having the large bottles tested as they were due for such. The unit will fill our SCBA bottles similar to the one purchased a few years ago from DTFD. There is an issue with the compressor which is 3-phase. We are working on some costs of a converter so that we can fill the big bottles in house versus going to DTFD. More to come.
 - Requesting to spend \$1,127.12 on parts that will convert the motor and allow us to plug it in to a normal outlet. Meddler electric for the motor starter at \$642.12 and Motor Stews \$485.00 for the actual motor.
- FTFD - The dept approved an update to the by-laws (last update was in 1994), the by-laws were adopted last Thursday by the majority vote of the FF's.
- FTFD - A training schedule will be developed which will include a list of mandatory training that each FF will need throughout the year. We will schedule quarterly a few hours on a Sat or Sun to do a make up of those mandatory training that anyone FF may have missed.
- FTFD - Once the A/Chief is assigned the command staff will be sitting down and reviewing all eligible candidates for captains positions. We will fill those ASAP.
- FTFD - Heard from the Morey foundation today that they are interested and when Lon Morey returns from FL he would like to sit down and move on the project.
- FTFD - Both of the new 800 mobiles are installed in the Engine and Pumper/Tender. We are waiting for the SOM to activate the radio's (this will not occur until we pay the MPSCS invoice).
- FTFD - 2 calls this month, both wildland, one in MRTFD and the other in Fremont Twp. Both very minor calls.
- FTFR - March calls ended with 15 runs and 43 responses by personnel
- FTFR - April calls to date are 6
- The app radio system is up and running smoothly. We have a temporary donated second radio that is giving us the second channel option. All FF's and MFR's have the app on their phones now.
- FTFD - 2 6" Hard suction was donated by DTFD, we will use them to pre-connect water suction devices to speed up the process when drafting from a body of water and/or from a porta tank.
- Upcoming projects,
 - We are going to go through old radio equipment that we can no longer use, this equipment will be sold via an online FF site.
 - We will also be placing our old MAKO air filling station up for sale, probably a minimum bid of \$1000.00 which will re-coop our cost on the newer system.

- We are going to confirm a model of the SCBA air pack and then write a grant to start the replacement process, we probably will not get all of them replaced at once but we will continue to work on the project.

First Response: See above –

Planning & Zoning: Issued one permit

Supervisor: Looking into bids on private drain. Receiving many complaints about Fremont Road.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. **Motion** by Schimmelmann, supported by Main to approve 3 parcels, in acres, for Noble Forestry, i.e. Jan Noble. Parcel 1 41.467, Parcel 2, 41.396, and Parcel 3, 39.654 31, 2021. **Motion passed.**
2. **Motion** by Himebaugh and supported by Schimmelmann to appoint Kirk R McQueen as the Fremont Township Assistant Fire Chief effective May 1, 2021. **Motion passed.**
3. May 4 election is held in Shepherd at the Coe Township Hall. Post cards were mailed to voters in Fremont Township in February and March.
4. **Motion** by Schimmelmann and supported by Main to appoint Zack Curtiss to the Board of Review. Motion passed.
5. **Motion** by Barrett and supported by Van Bonn to accept the gravel bid from the Isabella County Road Commission for graveling two miles from Blanchard Road to Millbrook Road on Woodruff Road. Motion passed.
6. **Motion** by Himebaugh and supported by Barrett to accept the Letter of Intent to apply for funds from the Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation to assist with the program to build the Milford Morey Memorial Park Playground. Motion passed.
7. **Motion** by Barrett and supported by Himebaugh to revamp the MAKO compressor from 3-phase for normal electrical use. Cost to repair is estimated at \$1127.12 from the Fire Fund. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Kirk McQueen requested that the road adjacent to the tractor pull field be closed on May 8, for a tractor pull.

Defibrillator in community center needs maintenance. Mike Main to look at it.

Jerry Jalszynski reported on Isabella County actions and activities.

Recycling Dates: Electronic-May 15, 2021

Household Hazardous-June 12, 2021

Tire Collection-June 5, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Schimmelmann