

FREMONT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

WINN ANNEX

February 25, 2025

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

Acceptance of the agenda: Moved by Main and supported by Barrett to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes approval: Motion by Main and supported by Barrett to approve the minutes of January 28, 2025. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Schimmelmann and supported by Main to accept the treasurer's report.

Motion passed

General Fund Balance	114,941.56
Investment Account	319,742.55
Fire Department	68,478.01
First Response	161,561.33
Planning & Zoning	1316.52

Payments and Bills: Motion by Main and supported by Himebaugh to pay the bills as presented.

General Fund	Check #10935-10947+OnLine Pmts	98,067.48
Fire Fund	Check #5584-5589+OnLine Pmts	2,779.88
First Response	Check #1337-1339+Online Pmts	2,802.50

## Reports

### Fremont Twp Fire and Rescue

- FIRE
  - PIA, Vehicle Fire, Power Line on a Structure on Fire, Structure Mutual Aid to Richland Twp
  - Update on 520, new apparatus is in the station, had an issue with a pin in the tank drain valve, and was able to fix it in-house. This week we should have the graphics placed on it. Also, we purchased a couple hundred dollar valve adapter to be able to fill in the rear of the apparatus.
- RESCUE
  - Rescue calls for January were 21, 14 thus far in February.
  - The reimbursement for first responders this year is around \$6,500. This is \$5 for non trained responders and \$10 for trained medical responders. Last year last year was closer to \$8,000. Last year was the first year that we did this and it was discussed that we would evaluate it each year.
- Budget Year for 25/26
  - Fire and rescue have the opportunity for another donation by a private citizen who has been donating the last few years. This donation will be earmarked for the remaining 2 SCBA packs that we need to have our 6 total units replaced.

- The fire department will have our annual pump inspections done which typically cost around \$3,000 total.
- The fire department will need to replace the tires on our main line engine this year, last year we did our pumper/tender. The new apparatus that was purchased has brand new tires on it.
- The fire department would like to fix our tank light system in our main line engine, this estimate is around \$1,800.00. It provides the operator the ability to know how much water is left in the tank to pump on a fire at any given time. This is crucial for water supply to a fire.
- The department has discovered that our roof in the old section is leaking in two locations. This appears to have been occurring for a while but the iron channels have been capturing the water until now and have rusted through. This will need to be replaced or fixed when the weather breaks in the spring.
- We need to cost a grass rig, this could be a used vehicle or something through MiDeal. We need to be able to put some cabinets on the side of the bed. We have a water tank skid / pump that was donated for this project. A pickup without a bed would be the best option. It can also be used as a back-up or second response rescue unit.
- The members will continue to work on the inner areas of the old structure, which would include an updated insulation in the attic of the new addition and sides of the old structure and then seal the old structure. This will certainly assist with heating and cooling.
- The heavy utility apparatus is in need of the rear undercarriage airbag repair. When the unit sits, it depletes the air and sits on the frame. It takes a few minutes to air them up prior to being able to leave with the apparatus.

Fremont Twp Fire Dept / Rescue  
Fire Chief Michael Main

## **Old Business**

Fire truck purchased from Leland Township. Documents received to proceed with registration with Secretary of State.

## **New Business**

1. Motion by Schimmelmann and supported by Main to approve PA116 for Glenn Johnson, and forward to Isabella County for their approval. Motion passed.
2. Motion by Schimmelmann and support by Himebaugh to allow Knight of Columbus from Shepherd to conduct their annual Tootsie Roll sale in Winn on April 11-12. Motion passed.
3. Motion by Main and supported by Schimmelmann to accept bid from ICRC to gravel two miles of roads (Vandecar and Fremont) in Fremont Township at 12,248.13. Motion passed.
4. Motion by Main and supported by Schimmelmann to accept ICRC bid for one brining at 30,767.82. Motion passed.
5. Motion by VanBonnand supported by Barrett to accept the 2025-2026 Budget for Fremont Township as presented. Final to be presented at the March regular meeting. Motion passed.
6. Motion by Barrett and supported by VanBonn to adjust the 2024-2025 budget to actual income and expenses. Motion passed.
7. Motion by Schimmelmann and supported by Barrett to purchase Air Bottle caps for a total cost of \$2000.00. Motion passed.

8. Motion by Schimmelman and supported by Main to accept the volunteer pay schedule for payment to first responders and fire fighters for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Estimated cost \$7000.00. Motion passed.
9. Motion by Himebaugh and supported by Barrett to contract with Tnt Lawn Care for fiscal year 2025-2026 for \$43,000.00. Two bids were presented. Motion passed.
10. No action by board on "UpAhead" software for communication.

### **Public Comment**

Jim Bardos pointed out that an entry needs to be made in the investment account for \$85000.00 transferred to the general fund to pay for the new (used) fire tender. Above amount in investment reflects the transfer.

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
John Schimmelman  
Clerk