

FREMONT TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

WINN ANNEX

March 28, 2023

Clerk Schimmelmänn opened the meeting at the Fremont Township office at 7 p.m. Members present: Schimmelmänn, Barrett, VanBonn. Missing: Heimbaugh, Main

Acceptance of the agenda: Add PA166 termination to agenda. Moved by Barrett and supported by VanBonn to accept amended agenda.

Minutes approval: Motion by Barrett and supported by VanBonn to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Schimmelmänn and supported by Barrett to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed

General Fund Balance	96,597.61
Investment Account	348,926.61
Fire Department	91,545.74
First Response	112,290.81
Planning & Zoning	1896.52

Payments and Bills: Motion by Barrett and supported by VanBonn to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed.

General Fund Check #10507-10523+OnLine Pmts	13,299.99
Fire Fund Check #5412-5434+OnLine Pmts	16,233.43
First Response Check#1244-1262+ Online Pmts	9,308.78
P&Z Check#789	3,000.00

## Reports

### Rescue

- February – 14
- March to date - 9

### Fire

- One fire call for a mutual aid, canceled while enroute, fire alarm, CO alarm, vehicle fire (assist) and power line call
- Replaced batteries in heavy rescue, there were 4 batteries which cost close to \$700.
- Pumper/Tender 520, air compressor failure, Front Line Services have ordered a new one to place in apparatus, cost is \$1274.00

### Old Business

1. **PLAYGROUND UPDATE:** Visited the playground development this evening (Sunday). It appears the installation of the playground equipment is nearly complete. Concrete foundations have yet to be poured. I believe the install team is planning to have the concrete delivered on Monday. This may be delayed due to the wet snow received last Friday/Saturday. The snow has melted but the ground around the

playground seemed quite soft this evening; maybe too soft for heavy equipment to drive over. I do know they want to get the foundations placed as soon as possible.

- 2.
3. I did not see the "firetruck" design bench as being installed yet. Some minor equipment install work remains. Once the play equipment is all installed, a plastic curbing will be placed around the 44' by 40' development.
- 4.
5. The install supervisor, Tom, has ordered delivery of the wood fiber safety surfacing. It will be semi-truck load that will be delivered on Monday or Tuesday so it is available for placement once the curbing is installed.
- 6.
7. I remain in contact with Tom and try to visit the site every other day. There was one issue that presented itself during construction. I intended the plastic curbing to be placed right next to the new concrete pad that was installed last fall. When Miss Dig marked the electrical service to the Community Center, the marking ran next to the new concrete pad. The curbing is held in place by long metal spikes and Tom said that by placing the curbing next to the concrete pad could cause the spikes to hit the electrical service line. A decision was made to move the whole development area approximately 4' south of the concrete pad. That move has created a gap between the concrete and playground (the wheelchair ramp still rests on the new concrete pad). There is still funding available in the budget to add an additional section of concrete pad to close the gap. Another option is to place a 3/4" thick rubber horse mat (available at Tractor Supply) to cover the gap. A final option is to replant the grass in this area. Please talk it over and let me know what the Board would like me to do.
- 8.
9. With the remaining budget funds, I need to address the gap between the playground the concrete pad and, if funding is available, have an additional LED exterior light placed on the south side of the Community Center to better illuminate the playground.
- 10.
11. I don't believe that there will be funding available for a memorial plaque commemorating Milford Morey. I believe that the plaque is important. If you would allow me to apply to the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation for grant funding for this purpose, I am willing to do so. Additionally, I don't know if any thought has been given to dedicating the new playground to the child who drowned in his family pond a couple of years ago (sorry, I don't remember the name of the child). If there is support for such dedication, I'd encourage a Board member to reach out to the family of the deceased boy to inquire whether they would allow such dedication. If such a dedication is desired and allowed, I'd include the cost of a memorial plaque in the proposed grant to the Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation. While I am willing to doing the additional work, it is fully a Board decision whether or not one or both plaques move forward.
- 12.
13. I did submit a reimbursement request for expenditures in the amount of \$35,955.70. I checked the DNR MIGrants site this evening and read that the request is still being processed. Once approved, the township will receive a check in the amount of \$26,966.78 or 75% of the submitted expenditure. The other 25% is covered by the Community Foundation, which provided the match amount for the full project budget in advance.
- 14.

15. I will be available by cell phone call on Tuesday night to answer any questions you may have about the project or the proposed plaques. My number is (989) 330-4890.
- 16.
17. Hope everyone is as thrilled as I am to see the new beautiful playground becoming a reality. The children who visit the park for ball games, Community Center events, or just to make use of the playground will love the new facility.

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19. Jerry Jaloszynski

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## **21. Construction Update**

- Issue with the architect's license being expired was corrected, the information was sent to the building inspector.
  - I would like to hire John Fredericks; this contractor would hang all new doors in the structure and then frame the required steel door that is required by code. The cost would be \$4,384. This will include hardware, doors etc.
  - Sprayed foam insulation has been completed, we were able to save about half thus far on the insulation with a different company. The quote was only for the new construction and not the existing building though.
  - Current and hopefully final code requirement involves the insulation. The building inspector is requesting the fire rating on the insulation as it relates to the fire breaks. The original information on the foam did not provide the needed information, I have since obtained further documentation for the architect to review but have not heard back from him as of yet.
- Architect indicated 5/8" drywall on ceiling/floor with the metal furring for a fire break as long as steel interior sidings. I have sent this information to the building inspector to confirm.
    - Final areas to complete, once the above-mentioned items are completed, we will be hanging the drywall and steel. This would then allow the heating and cooling company to complete their install. We will then blow some insulation into the attic space upstairs to wrap it up

## **New Business**

- 1. Motion** by Schimmelmann and supported by Barret to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> mile of graveling on Pleasant Valley Rd, Vandecar to Nottawa. Motion passed.
- 2. Request** by Atwell LLC to rezone property from Agricultural to Commercial on S Winn Rd. Request to be sent to Zoning Board.
- 3. Motion** Barrett and supported by VanBonn to accept the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Motion passed.
- 4. Motion** by Schimmelmann and supported by VanBonn to adjust actual account balances to the 2022-2023 budget. Motion passed.
- 5. Motion** by Schimmelmann and supported by Barrett to have the sidewalk at the playground extended from the recent cement slab to the playground area using cement. Motion passed.
- 6. Motion** to accept PA116 from Glenn Johnson. Motion passed. Application to be hand delivered to Dept of Agriculture in Mount Pleasant.

7. **Motion** by Schimmelmann and supported by Barrett for tentative approval to remove one acre from PA116 for Timothy Brookens. Application provided to T Brookens in order to begin survey. Motion passed.

**Public Comment**

Chris Embrey reported on Isabella County Commission activities

1. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m

**Public Comment**

Respectfully submitted

John Schimmelmann

Clerk