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Supervisor Housler called the November 12, 2015 monthly Freeman Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Fifteen citizens and guests were present for the Pledge to the Flag and Roll call of officer. All Board members were present, Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells.

S. Sable moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting with the necessary spelling corrections, support from R. Wells. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

J. Lackie moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 26, 2015 to discuss the need of new outside lighting and repair of inside exit and security lights, changing all to LED lights. The quote came from D & R Electric of Clare. This motion was supported by R. Wells. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

Guest Speakers were:

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, told us that the opening of the Veteran's Park was a true success. There are still things to be finished but he encouraged the citizens to stop and see the Park. They are selling pavers to help with the costs of the park. Small Pavers can be purchased for \$100.00 and Large Pavers for #200.00.

Dale also mentioned the bus tour provided by the Clare County Road Commission to give township and County officials the opportunity to see firsthand the scope of projects that have been done in Clare County. We were able to see Chip Seal projects, Bridge projects, as well as examples of the different types of overlays. It was a great opportunity to ask questions and actually see the completed projects.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commission, Grass Lake and Monroe have been graded and more of the township roads will see the grader, the rain has made it possible to do some needed work. Julie also explained how the Amish Buggies do not do any favors to newly put down overlays. Those buggies often travel right behind the workers and the shoes on the horses actually make dents in the soft overlay. If they could avoid the buggy travel for at least a day this would not occur. There is to be a meeting with some members of the Amish community and also the possibility of some legislation.

The new Road bill is not perfect but it is what it is. Funding is on a graduated scale that will take until 2023 to come to full play.

Deputy Bollinger, Clare County Sheriff Dept., addressed the Amish buggy question as well stating that they can be a hazard but if all used a degree of common sense it would help the situation, use common sense when following them was his best advice. Freeman Township appreciates the Deputies coming to our meetings and answering questions.

Brian Johnson, Republican Candidate for State Representative, stopped by to introduce himself. Johnson (no relation to Joel Johnson) is 39 years old and lives in Clare.

S. Sable moved to approve the payment of check numbers 14105 through 14129, motion was supported by R. Wells. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

The Clerk presented a letter from Burnham and Flower that ask the Board to adopt an amendment for the Retirement Plan, that the PLAN be amended and restated in accordance with the new form and to comply with IRS guidelines. There is not an increase in expenses to the PLAN. R. Wells moved to approve the Resolution and that motion was supported by S. Sable. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

Supervisor Housler reminded the citizens that there will be an election in March and that if the legislation is signed by Governor Snyder that would allow local issues to appear on the ballot Freeman Townships Road Millage request would be on that ballot. The Clare County Transit is also likely to place a correction of one year on their already vote millage. The date to commence the millage was stated to start in 2017, it should have read 2016.

The newly presented Ordinance #35 for the control of all dogs in all Zoning Districts situated in Freeman Township has been reviewed by the Board and the Supervisor called for a motion to send the

Ordinance to our Township Attorney for review. P. Humphrey with support from J. Lackie moved to send the Ordinance to the Attorney. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

A motion from J. Lackie with support from S. Sable was made to approve the following dates for the 2016 year for the Planning Commission meetings. Vote Taken – Motion Carried. The dates are as follows. Meeting time is 7:00 pm., March 1, 2016, April 5, 2016, May 3, 2016, June 7, 2016, July 5, 2016, August 3, 2016, (Due to Primary Election) September 6, 2016, October 4, 2016, November 1, 2016

Committee Reports:

Planning – L. Stevens, stated the Planning Commission addressed several new ordinances this past year and have an agenda for 2016. The Board remains the same with Stevens as Chairman, Maas as Secretary and members, Wells, Pohoda, and Phillips. Supervisor Housler thanked the Planning Commission for their good work and attention to detail.

Building – W. Mantei, wrote six permits.

Zoning – H. Logan, wrote 1 permit.

Blight – H. Logan, The blight infraction on Twin Lakes Ave. is not getting better, the homeowner has been talked to and has been given a time frame to clean it up. If he does not comply he will be given a citation and will go to court. Logan also ask the board to address the following properties under the Dangerous Structure Ordinance; 2851 Pinecroft, 7748 Monroe, 940 Grass Lake, 7620 Monroe, 7720 Monroe, and 2866 Ashcroft Dr. A Housler moved to send these to Township Attorney, support from S. Sable, Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm, Vote Taken – Motion Carried. Our next meeting will be December 10, 2015.

Patricia D. Humphrey
Freeman Township Clerk