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Supervisor Al Housler called the Public Hearing for the consideration of new ordinances #33, Outside Alternate Heating and #34, Dangerous Structures at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag and roll call of officers. Present for this hearing A. Housler, P. Humphrey, J. Lackie, S. Sable and R. Wells along with thirteen citizens.

Copies of the two ordinances were made available to the citizens and discussion took place. These ordinances were discussed in past meetings and a brief synopsis was published in the Clare County Cleaver as was the Notice of Public Hearing.

R. Wells moved to adopt ordinance #33, Outside Alternate Heating and the clerk be instructed to publish this ordinance in full in the Clare County Cleaver and become effective September 20, 2015, thirty days from date of publication. Motion was supported by S. Sable. A Roll Call vote revealed all yes votes from Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells.

Discussion continued regarding Ordinance #34, Dangerous Buildings. Citizen Donald Kowalske was not in favor of this ordinance, he felt the township needed to talk more with the owners of said properties and there should be less rules regarding personal property. The board referenced a couple of problem areas in the township that required some degree of control to remedy the situation. The Supervisor stated that the law requires this body to have some controls in place to follow through with any legal action.

S. Sable with support from R. Wells moved to adopt Ordinance #34 and that the clerk be instructed to publish this ordinance in full in the Clare County Cleaver and become effective September 20, 2015, thirty days from date of publication. A roll call vote revealed all yes votes from Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells.

Supervisor Housler declared these ordinances to take effect one month from date of publication, September 20, 2015. S. Sable moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM with support from R. Wells. Vote Taken, Motion Carried.

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Following a brief intermission the Regular Freeman Township Board Meeting for August 13, 2015 was called to order by Supervisor Housler. Roll Call revealed all board members present, Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells along with thirteen citizens.

S. Sable with support from J. Lackie moved to approve the minutes as presented for July 9, 2015. Vote Taken, Motion Carried.

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner told us that starting in August the Board of Commissioners will change their meeting schedule to once a month, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday of each month at 9:00am. They will no longer have two meetings a month.

The BOC approved a budget set number of \$11,267,000.00, explaining some cuts will be necessary to make this budget work and that each department would be subject to review.

The 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Northern Oakes recycling Center in Harrison.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commission told us the steps that were constructed on Road Commission Right of Way on Windover Lake have been removed. She also said our limestone projects for this year are scheduled to start by the end of the month, subject of course to the limestone hauler, Fisher's schedule. Some citizens said their roads were in bad shape and had not been graded for some time. Lightfoot explained that limestone needs to be wet to be graded properly and the commission would be working on the roads as we got the necessary rain.

A deputy from the Clare County Sheriff Department stopped in to answer any questions and to just let us know he was in the area. Some citizens did question him regarding the new ATV and Golf Cart rules.

R. Wells moved to approve check numbers 13997 through 14039 for payment. The motion was supported by S. Sable. Vote Taken, Motion Carried.

The clerk reported the number of voters for the August 4<sup>th</sup>. Clare County Transit millage renewal was rather small. There was a hundred and thirty one voters, eighty seven of which were absentee ballots, the millage did carry county wide.

Supervisor Housler reiterated that the steps at Windover Lake had been removed and that the township attorney, Jaynie Smith Hoerauf had dismissed the action the township had requested.

There followed some discussion regarding the township's road millage that would expire with the 2015 Winter Tax collection. In order to maintain the roads we have and make improvements the township needs the road millage, to that end the Supervisor called for a resolution to proceed with ballot language approval to place the issue on the March 2016 election calendar. R Wells offered the following resolution, "Be it resolved on this date August 13, 2015, the Freeman township Board intends to proceed with the necessary steps to procure the renewal of the Road Improvement Millage. The Board does instruct the clerk to prepare and send the ballot language to Michigan Township Association's legal department for approval and once approved send this language to the County Clerk and Equalization for placement on a ballot to be voted on March 8, 2016. Resolution supported by S. Sable. Roll Call Vote: Housler (Yes), Humphrey (Yes), Lackie (Yes), Sable (Yes), Wells (Yes). The Supervisor declared the Resolution passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning, L. Stevens:** No meeting was held in August due to the election. Stevens said in looking into the issue of Dog leash ordinances the Planning Commission discovered that Lincoln Township has one on their books that is just about what Freeman is looking at. The Planning Commission will look at this and bring their findings to the board.

**Building Insp. W. Mantei:** reported he had written 7 building permits.

**Zoning Adm. H. Logan:** reported he had written 5 permits.

**Blight Enforcement: H. Logan:** A Citizen stated that a building is being constructed behind the Auction Barn on M115, Logan will look into that. He has 5 active cases at this time and 3 that he is monitoring.

There followed a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm by S. Sable and supported by J. Lackie. The next meeting will be September 10, 2015.

Patricia D. Humphrey  
Freeman Township Clerk