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Supervisor, Al Housler called the October 8, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable, and Wells along with twelve citizens were present for Roll Call and the Pledge to the Flag.

S. Sable with support from R. Wells moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner reported that the Sheriff Department Auction went very well, that everything was sold. The generator that Dale told the township about was not large enough for our needs but it was very nice of him to let us know about it.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commissioner reported that the line striping has been done. The Road Commission has a match of \$20,000 for a one time Chip and Seal road project and a \$10,000 match for a one time gravel project. It is important for Townships to get their road projects to the RC soon so the estimates can be done and a schedule set up. Those projects should be into the RC by Nov. 30/2015. Julie also reported that the RC would like to get a bus tour together to show Township Officials what the roads throughout our county look like and show off the various projects.

Marilyn Woosely commented that the STOP sign at Grass Lake and Ashard is not working, people just don't stop there. Gary Maas thanked the RC for cutting the two trees down that were in the right of way and interfering with the power lines.

Lincoln Township Deputy Dawson attended our meeting commenting on Freeman's low numbers on the incident report. He also advised us about the SCAM calls that are going around, one being the caller says he is with the IRS and that you owe money and where and how to send it, and another that you won a lottery and need to send money to etc. and from Windows that they need to get on your computer and repair something. None of these calls are legitimate and should be reported. He also explained their use of the new body cameras and the issues they have with keeping batteries charged. We are always glad when the Deputies take the time to come to our meetings and give us some good information.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to approve the payment of check numbers 14071 through 14099. Vote Taken – Motion Carried. The Treasurer was not able to provide a report for this meeting as we had not received a Bank Statement, it will be provided next month.

The Clerk reminded the board and citizens that the County MTA meeting would be Monday, Oct. 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the County Building.

Supervisor Housler reminded us that the ballot language for the 2016 election should be turned into the County by Dec. 15, 2015.

The Township received a letter from the Federal Communication Committee reporting the submission of Verizon Wireless to place a tower on 115, 245 foot self-support tower. This gives us some hope for some better phone service.

The Board will seek estimates for the improvement of Strawberry Ave with limestone from Clare County Road Commission.

The last item discussed was the progression of the Dangerous Structure Ordinance #34. H. Logan presented the Board with a list containing eleven addresses of buildings that should be looked at and owners notified. Six of these buildings are owned by people who live outside the township and eight of the structures are owned by nonresidents or uninhabited. The Board will look at each of these dwellings and determine the steps necessary to get them brought into compliance.

#### **Committee Reports**

Planning – in L. Stevens absence, the Supervisor said that the Dog Leash Ordinance is just about ready to turn over to the Board.

Building – W. Mantej, reported three permits he also said there had been some roofing jobs done without a permit.

Zoning – H. Logan reported one permit

Blight – H. Logan reported that several of his blight cases have now transferred to the Dangerous Structures case files and letters will be sent and Notices posted on the property which will constitute as a legal Notice.

S. Sable with support from J. Lackie moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Vote Taken – Motion Carried. The next meeting will be November 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Patricia D. Humphrey  
Freeman Township Clerk