

*Freeman Township Board Minutes 12-10-2015

Supervisor Housler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Twenty one citizens and guests were present for the Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call of Officers. Board members, Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells were present.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015 meeting as presented. Vote Taken-Motion Carried with all affirming.

Guest Speakers:

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, wished all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commissioner, reported that the RC will be able to do some Township Matching funds and maybe even be able to increase their portion some. They will also be doing more ditching and chip seal projects. They will continue to plow main roads first and then secondary roads and they will plow as needed. Commissioners were going to a meeting in Lansing to discuss the problems associated with the Amish buggies. The carbide shoes they use on the horses do damage newly laid overlays, if they could stay off the roads for a couple of days until they firm up it would help. Road Commissions are hoping to see some much needed legislation in this area. Julie explained to a citizen that they do the overlays or chip seal to give the roads longer life, the sealing helps keep the water out and gives the roads a few more years. Harold Logan ask if there were any plans to do something with Strawberry Avenue, Supervisor Housler explained that plans were in the works for 2016.

Deputy Bolander, Clare County Sheriff Dept. talked about the IRS scams that continue to go on. They are hard to stop, but stay alert to them and don't give them any answers. R. Woolsey said he had a free app on his cell phone called **True Caller**, that has taken care of a lot of these calls.

Pam Mayfield, Clare County Clerk, Register of Deeds, provided us with a lot of information regarding elections and the new Gun Board regulations. We will see elections in March, perhaps May and August and November. If you have question regarding gun permits please call the Clerk's office.

Jenny Beemer-Fitzhugh, Clare County Treasurer, also visited us, giving us information on Dog Licensing and the clinics in the area where you can get your dog shots and even get a license. Clare Family Farm and Home store will have a clinic on January 23rd and there will be one at the Animal shelter. The last day to get a dog license is February 29th.

S. Sable with support from R. Wells moved to approve check numbers 14130 through 14187 (voided check numbers 14134 through 14148 due to Clerk error) Vote Taken – Motion Carried with all affirming.

Supervisor Housler stated that the Township had received some suggestions from Attorney Hoerauf concerning proposed Dog ordinance #36. The Board would like to refer this back to planning for their input, Planning Commission will meet in a special meeting on January 6, 2016 at 7:00pm.

The Supervisor also explained that our proposed Road Millage renewal has been approved by MTA and the County Clerk and Equalization has our ballot language for a ballot on March 8, 2016.

Committee Reports:

Planning – L. Stevens, agreed to the Special Meeting of the Planning Commission on Jan. 6, 2016.

Building – W. Mantei, reported he had nothing to report for December.

Zoning – H. Logan, reported he had written a permit for a new pole barn and a house and garage.

Blight – H. Logan, reported that the party in violation on Twin Lakes Avenue has until the end of the year to clean up the property.

Comments and Concerns: Supervisor Housler thanked the citizens who faithfully attend our meeting lending support and getting information from the Board. He wished all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

Freeman Township Clerk

