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Freeman Township Board minutes for Oct. 13, 2016

Supervisor Housler called the first of two Public Hearings to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call of Officers. Board members Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable, and Wells were present along with twenty citizens. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to establish a Special Assessment district for Windover Lake. The special assessment is requested to finance the control and eradication of aquatic weeds/plants on the bottom lands of Windover Lake; and for the maintenance and general improvement of Windover Lake, all in accordance with MCL 41.723, Section 3 of the Public Improvements Act. Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, (MCLn41.721, et seq). This first hearing is to hear any objections to the creation of the district. Suprvisor Housler called three times for any objections, hearing none a motion to establish was presented by R. Wells, support from S. Sable. Results of a Roll Call Vote as follows: Housler, Yes, Humphrey, Yes, Lackie, Yes, Sable, Yes, and Wells, Yes. Motion Carried.

The first Public Hearing was adjourned and the second Public Hearing was called to order to approve the District and Assessment Tax Roll. The district is comprised of 88 persons and 89 parcels of land in Zones 1,2,3,4, of Freeman Sub, McCall Sub, Walker Cove, Windover Lake, Windover Point and Windover Ranch #1, Lake Frontage parcels only.

The duration of the Special Assessment district is from 2017 through 2026. The cost to parcel owners in the district is the existing \$120.00 per year with a maximum of \$200.00 per year should costs dictate the increase. Hearing NO OBJECTIONS, P. Humphrey moved to approve with support from J. Lackie, a Roll Call Vote resulted in a yes vote from Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells. Motion Carried.

The Regular Freeman Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, all Board members and 20 citizens were present. There was one correction to the Agenda, the minutes to be approved should have read September 8, 2016, not August 11, 2016.

S. Sable moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting, support from R. Wells. Vote taken – Motion Carried.

Guests:

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner provided the Board with Commission minutes and reported the budget is balanced with MSU Extension (4-H) reinstated.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commission reported that the line striping will probably be completed by the end of October, County wide, some brush spraying is being tested in Garfield, this spray should kill the weeds and hopefully for a couple of years. She explained the grading was off track with all the other projects, the RC knows there are roads that need grading.--+++++6

Candidates running for Office:

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner
 Julie Lightfoot, Freeman Township Clerk
 Mark Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commission
 Lori Lightfoot, Freeman Township Supervisor
 Guy Stover, Farwell School Board
 Current Supervisor Alan Housler
 Pam Mayfield, Clare County Clerk/Register

P Humphrey with support from R. Wells moved to approve the payment of checks 14473 through 14509. Vote taken – Motion Carried.

The Clerk reported on the opening of the Harrison City Market @ 122 N Second St. The following names were offered for the Boards approval of the Election Inspectors for the Nov. 8, 2016, General Election:

Democrats: Vicki Brauner (Chair), Ruth Boerner, Margaret Roberts, and David Pohoda.

Republicans: Geri Shaw (Chair), Sue Turner, Dorothy Burdo, Sally Meitz.

The Board approved these individuals and the Clerk said Sample Ballots were available for anyone who wanted to look at them. County Chairs will be given a list of the Election Workers.

Supervisor Housler reported that Freeman Township had received the adoption approval letter for the Hazard Mitigation Plan, this approval will aid us in getting grants for the township.

The Clare County Road Commission sent a letter outlining their Match Program for 2017, \$20,000.00 match for gravel material or in Freeman limestone. Option 2, \$40,000.00 match for chip & seal, or asphalt projects. Housler said it was well worth the Townships time to look at our roads and see if it would be feasible to put down some asphalt. The Road Commission is encouraging Townships to get their road project in as soon as possible to get on the bid lists.

There was some discussion about the Mobilite Towers that have been brought to the Board's attention. This company wants to use Road Right of Ways to set towers and Julie said that utilities can use these right of ways, but Mobilite is not really saying what they will be using their towers for.

The Supervisor updated the citizens on the progress of the Dangerous Structures that have been sent to Attorney Hoerauf for Court action. The structure on the corner of Lindhaven and Windermere in the Villa at Lake of the Pines is scheduled for court, the property is owed by Bill and Serena Herman and they have requested of the attorney to give them more time. The Boards opinion of this is that the property has been in the current declining conditions for several years with nothing being done to improve said property. If the township were to agree to giving the owners more time and nothing was improved the township would have to pay again to get it into court. R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to instruct our Attorney to send the necessary paperwork to the court to proceed with the demolition of the mobile home. All Board members voted in the affirmative to proceed.

Committees:

Planning, L. Stevens reported that work is continuing on our Master Plan, he also read a letter from the Planning commission regarding the latest legislation passed and signed by the Governor. The legislation allows townships to either allow or disallow Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in their communities. As understood by Freeman Township Planning Commission if the Township does not have such an ordinance in place then a Medical Marijuana Dispensary cannot set up and operate in the Township. The Township will follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and take a "non action" stance on this issue and no ordinance will be created thus disallowing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries within Freeman Township.

Building, W. Mantei wrote 4 permits.

Zoning, H. Logan wrote 3 permits.

Blight, H. Logan reported that he is looking into 6 issues at this time. Two situations were brought to Logans attention, 12.2 acres belonging to John Rude is zoned Residential (No Hunting) why can't there be hunting on this property, from Fairchild and Green. The Township is waiting for a court date on this property.

The permanent Porta Potty located on Lake Tahoe Trail continues to be an issue the question being what can be done about it.

The Supervisor said that a small reception would be held following the Nov. 10th Board meeting for retiring Clerk, Pat Humphrey. R. Wells moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm, support from J. Lackie. The next meeting will be Nov. 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Patricia Humphrey
Freeman Township Clerk

Patricia D. Humphrey