

**FREEMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

At a meeting of the Freeman Township Board of Clare County, Michigan, held at 7280 Mannsiding Road, Lake, Michigan on

Regular Meeting, Thursday, the 8th of December, 2016

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Clerk Lightfoot, Treasurer Lackie, Trustees Barnett & Wells

TIME: 7:00 p.m. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call was taken with all members present, along with 13 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular board meeting minutes from November 10, 2016. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Treasurer Lackie and seconded by Trustee Wells to approve the organizational board minutes from November 21, 2016. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, was present to give his update on County business. Highlights included the appointment of Michael Conway as Citizen Rep for 911, and also noting the current vacancies in the Treasurers and Prosecuting Attorney's offices.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve check numbers 14562 through 14597, (no voids). Ayes 5, Nays 0.

CLERKS COMMENTS

Clerk Lightfoot discussed the resolution for the 2017 board meeting dates and noted that these dates have been posted to the website calendar.

Trustee Barnett moved to hold the Freeman Township Board Meetings at the Freeman Township Hall, 7280 Mannsiding Road, Lake, Michigan, 48632, with meetings starting at 7:00 p.m. local time.

The monthly meeting schedule is as follows:

January 12, 2017
March 9, 2017
May 11, 2017
July 13, 2017
September 14, 2017
November 9, 2017

February 9, 2017
April 13, 2017
June 8, 2017
August 10, 2017
October 12, 2017
December 14, 2017

Special meetings of the Board will be scheduled as needed and noticed in accordance with State law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above meeting schedule, time and place be adopted.

Seconded by Treasurer Lackie.
Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Clerk Lightfoot informed those present of the 2017 Planning Commission Meeting Dates and noted they are also on the website calendar. They are as follows:

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| March 2, 2017 | April 6, 2017 |
| June 1, 2017 | July 6, 2017 |
| August 3, 2017 | September 7, 2017 |
| October 5, 2017 | November 2, 2017 |

Clerk Lightfoot also reminded the board members that the MTA Meeting is on December 19, 2016 and will be held in the basement of the County building.

Clerk Lightfoot informed those present that we have a new contract with Sheryl Judd for website services. There is no increase in the price, but items she is to complete for us has been updated, along with making Clerk Lightfoot the new contact.

Clerk Lightfoot moved to accept the website services contract with Sheryl Judd, seconded by Trustee Wells. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the list of potential road projects for construction season 2017. He has given the list to the Road Commission and they are currently working on getting estimates. Once the estimates are back, the board will determine how many of the projects can be completed with the amount of road money allocated for the year.

He also mentioned the Road Commission match program giving the Townships \$20,000 towards gravel/limestone projects or \$40,000 towards paving projects. He further mentioned that we were looking into doing something on Cook Road, however the Road Commission said this is a primary road and they would be doing some type of work on it in the next 3 years.

One final note was the possibility of paving Pinehurst. Since this is a main road into Lake of the Pines for their Pontoon Island and their Campground, the board would like to see them participate in the cost of paving Pinehurst. If they would agree, this would split the cost between the Road Commission (giving \$40,000 towards the project through the match program), and the Township/Lake of the Pines splitting the rest.

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the two (2) lawsuits going on at this time. In regards to the Rude property, the court has given the Township a Permanent Order. The Rude's have a reasonable time (60 days) for removal of any assets on the property before the Township can come in and start cleaning up the property. Supervisor Housler also gave an update on the Herman property. (Trailer in Village). The final deposition will be on Monday, December 12, 2016.

Supervisor Housler noted that the Board of Review will be meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. This meeting is just to correct any errors or omissions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Leo Stevens, Planning Commission, gave his report, which included a flier on the (2016) Year in the Review. Mr. Stevens also noted that the commercial truck is back at the property in Lake of the Pines. The Planning Commission may have to look at an ordinance to solve this continuing problem.

Werner Mantei, Building Inspector, gave his report, which included information on 6 permits.

Harold Logan, Zoning & Blight Inspector, gave his report, which included 2 zoning permits and he is monitoring 6 properties for blight.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

There were none.

Motion made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting.
TIME: 7:29 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk

