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Freeman Township Board Minutes

Supervisor Al Housler called the July 14, 2016 meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Twenty two citizens and guests were present for the Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call of Officers. Officers, Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells were all present.

S. Sable moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2016 with support from R. Wells. All voted in the affirmative, motion carried.

R. Wells moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 20, 2016 covering legal costs for the Dangerous Buildings, cost figures associated with the Broad Band Tower and the appointment of election Inspectors, support from J. Lackie. All voted in the affirmative, motion carried.

Elections Inspectors that have been approved as follows: Ruth Boerner, Vicki Brauner, Pat H umphrey, David Pohoda, Margaret Roberts, Sandra Sable, Geri Shaw, Sally Meitz, Susan Pace, Marilyn Woolsey, Dorothy Burdo, Julie Lightfoot.

S. Sable with support from R. Wells also moved to approve the minutes from Special Meeting held on July 11, 2016 regarding cost options on the Broad Band Towner. Jeff Hall, ISP owner was also at this meeting. There will be some ongoing discussions in the next week. All voted in the affirmative, motion carried.

Guest Speakers:

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner told us they are working diligently on the budget, they have hiring issues, pension issues and Court House repairs to contend with. The repairs to the Court House have to be done and are being worked out, the pension issue is one that touches many Counties and Clare County sits in a better position than many others. There is a No Hire order in place, and the Treasurer, Administrator and the Commissioner continue to look at each area of the budget.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commissioner talked about the Chip Sealing we are seeing on several of our roads. Depac Gupta joined Julie in this discussion and told the citizens that this process is one of the best things we can do to protect our roads. The Road Commission has charge of 56 miles of primary roads in Clare County. They continue to be proactive with mowing, tree trimming and general road care. The RC will again host a Bus Trip on Sept. 20, 2016 from their offices at 10:30 AM for Township Boards to show them the different processes they use in different areas of the County. A lot of information comes out of this trip.

Tom Pirnstill, Clare County Transit Director explained the need to place on the ballot the one year mileage that was missed in their original ballot. It is not an increase, the ballot language missed the 2016 Winter Tax season which the Transit needs to operate. He also told the citizens that citizens over 80 years of age can ride the bus free, they can get a Bus Pass from the Transit Authority, and Veterans can ride for \$1.00. Citizens will see this proposal on the Primary Ballot, you can vote this proposal no matter what Party you vote.

S. Sable with support from R. Wells moved to approve the payment of check numbers 14370 through 14402. All voted in the affirmative, motion carried.

The Clerk cautioned citizens to look over the absentee ballots they are receiving, to further remember they can not split their vote, they must vote one party or the other in this election.

The Supervisor told the citizens that figures for the legal cost to continue with the removal of the Dangerous Structures the board has sited could run from \$3500.00 for a relatively simple case to \$9500.00 for a situation that took us to court. P. Humphrey moved to pick two cases that are visible, and clearly demonstrate the violation of the ordinance, the Herman property on the corner of Lindhaven

and Windermere Drive at Lake of the Pines and the Rude property on Grass Lake and Monroe, approximately 17 acres, the property displays the rubble from the burned out dwelling and much more on the property and in the garage. The motion received support from R. Wells. Supervisor called for a Roll Call Vote, the results being, Housler (Yes), Humphrey (Yes), Lackie (Yes), Sable (Yes) and Wells (Yes), the Attorney will be notified of the Boards decision

The Township Audit has been completed with no major surprises. Copies of the audit are available to any citizens who wished to study it.

Housler also said that Lake of the Pines has set up their Meet the Candidates night on July 27th at 6:00 PM. They ask that candidates stay within the three minute speaking time frame.

The Third Brining will be done before Labor Day.

Committee Reports:

Planning – L. Stevens reported that they are going to look into the ordinance pertaining to vehicles; it would seem that licensed is not enough, there are too many vehicles on properties that have not been moved in several years; perhaps they are without wheels, or in some state of disrepair. They will also look at commercial vehicles, semi- trucks that are being parked with-in the subdivisions and are sometimes parked in the streets or left running for several hours.

Building – W. Mantei wrote 4 permits this month.

Zoning – H. Logan wrote 4 permits this month.

Blight – H. Logan has sent eight notices, three of which are showing improvements. He also told Dick Meitz that Rick McNeilly was going to move the trailer that is on M115.

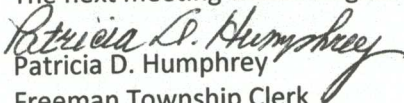
Comments or Concerns from Citizens:

The question was ask if the Verizon Tower was still going to be active, W. Mantei said Verison has had to get some more permits, but they are on track and it will happen.

Dale Majewski explained that we are having more winds, primarily straight winds and they often cause a power outage, he cautions citizens to stay away from down power lines, and to report any fires or line problems, (Lincoln fire department does not charge citizens if they call to report a fire), also know your generators and how they should be hooked up so there is no back feed.

S. Sable moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM with support from R. Wells. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be August 11, 2016.


Patricia D. Humphrey
Freeman Township Clerk