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Freeman Board Minutes

Supervisor Housler called the August 11, 2016 Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Seventeen citizens and guests and board members, Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable, and Wells were present for the Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call.

S. Sable moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2016 with one correction under Julie Lightfoot's comments; the date for the Road Commission Bus Trip is September 28, 2016 not the 20th. as stated. R. Wells supported the motion as stated. Vote taken – all ayes.

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner told us the Court House parking lot is finished. The interviews for the Director position in Equalization are finished and a company that does this service has been hired. He stated that finding someone with the necessary qualifications is not easy. Decreased revenues are causing budget cuts that are necessary, but not easy, MSU 4H program is one area .

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commissioner told us the new culvert on Monroe and Twin Lakes has been replaced. Mowing has started on the State Highways so we will not see the mower on the secondary roads. They have done more tree trimming and some hot patch on the holes at Grass Lake and Lake Station Ave. She further told us we may not see much grading before the third brine application, limestone has to be wet, as dry as it has been it is just to hard to move without damaging the blades on the graders. J. Phillips ask if we would get brined if they did not grade, the Supervisor stated we would still get the brine.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to approve the payment of check numbers 14403 through 14442. Vote Taken – all ayes.

The Clerk had nothing to report.

The Supervisor explained that the board wanted to reduce the millage for Fire protection by a quarter mill. There is adequate fund balance to handle an unforeseen situation. S. Sable moved to adjust the Voted Fire (Real) from 1.2500 to 1.0000, a quarter mill reduction, effective with the 2016 Winter Tax period, until further notice. Support for this motion given by J. Lackie. Roll Call Vote revealed: Housler (Yes), Humphrey (Yes), Wells (Yes), Lackie, (Yes) and Sable (Yes). Motion Carried.

Housler also told the citizens there would be an open-top for large items at the Transfer Site over Labor Day.

He had also received a phone call from an irate citizen who lives north of Hemlock off Mannsiding on what appears to be a seasonal road. The caller said someone had dumped shingles on his property, he has cleaned them up but is giving fair warning if it happens again he will block the road. Dale Majewski, Lincoln Fire Chief said at that particular location his concern would be could emergency equipment get in there it he blocked the road.

Committee Reports:

Planning – L. Stevens said the committee is continuing work on the Master Plan. It also looks as though the garage sale situation on M115 may have solved itself, he thinks that property has been sold. The directors at Lake of the Pines have taken their Restrictive Covenants to their attorney and have been told that they have more authority to enforce them then they thought. Lake of the Pines and the Township have received complaints of a semi that parks at a residence on Shadowbrook has been causing problems, with the findings in the covenants the property owner and the owner of the semi was told that he can no longer have that vehicle in or on any property at Lake of the Pines. He reportedly told the Board Members he would be moving the semi.

Building – W. Mantei reported he had 8 permits for the month.

Zoning – H. Logan reported he had 5 permits for the month. The permit for the Verizon tower has expired, but is being renewed.

Blight – H. Logan reported he has two notices out for Blight. One of the properties cited as a Dangerous Structure has been demolished and cleaned up, this being at the end of Spring on Monroe. There is one structure going to Court and two more going to litigation. The cost of taking these to court and or cleaning the property up is a major problem for the township.

Citizens Comments:

Chris Vespremi, Lake of the Pines Villa expressed his frustration with his next door neighbor whom Vespremi says is harassing him, has a non-conforming porch, and a building to close to his fence. He would like to add two feet to his side property fence so his neighbor cannot see into his property. H. Logan as Zoning Administrator and the Township has looked at this ongoing situation but Housler stated the Township could talk to the assessor and have him check old records.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Vote Taken – all ayes. The next meeting will be September 8, 2016.

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Clerk