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Supervisor Housler called the September 8, 2016 Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells along with 17 citizens were present for Roll Call and the Pledge to the Flag.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 Board meeting. The motion carried with all Board members voting in the affirmative.

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner said that there is extensive , but very necessary work being done on the Court House, offices for Equalization, the Emergency Management director and the County Administrator are being created in the former Health Department. The parking lot is complete with some changes that should make it better. Budget issues are still an ongoing concern.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commission reported that there is a culvert on 115 that is plugged and it will be necessary to have someone trap the beaver out again. She said the RC added some material to the curve at Norway and Grass Lake by Sandy Shores, this should give vehicles more room on the side rather than crossing the center line.

Clare County Deputy (Rob) stopped by and talked with the citizens and was available if anyone had questions.

S. Sable with support from R. Wells moved to approve the Treasurer report (available on the back table) approving the payment of check numbers 14443 through 14472. The motion carried with all Board members voting in the affirmative.

The Clerk had nothing to bring before the board.

Supervisor Housler opened discussion on the Clare County Hazard Mitigation Plan, he told the citizens where they could view the plan and there being no questions from the audience J. Lackie moved that the Board approve the Clare County Mitigation Plan, calling also for a Roll Call vote, motion supported by P. Humphrey. Roll Call Vote: Lackie (yes), Humphrey (Yes), Wells (Yes), Sable (Yes) Housler (Yes). The plan will be signed and copies delivered to Jerry Becker, Clare County Emergency Director.

The Supervisor further told the citizens that Windover Lake's Special Assessment District for the control and eradication of aquatic weeds/plants on the bottom lands of Windover Lake, and maintenance and general improvements will run out with the collection of 2016 winter taxes. The property owners of Windover Lake have ask the township to establish the district again for a ten year period. P. Humphrey with support from J. Lackie moved to approve the following date for two public hearings on the Windover Lake improvements, setting October 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm for the hearings, with the second Public Hearing to follow immediately. All Board members voted in the affirmative, Motion Carried. The Clerk will publish the Public Hearing dates in the Clare County Review two times. The regular Freeman Township Board meeting will follow.

Supervisor Housler opened discussion regarding the Broadband tower that provided internet service to areas that otherwise has limited or no access to internet. After several meeting with Jeff Hall of ISP Management, who set the tower and provides internet service and Gary and Carol Maas whom the township leases the land from that the tower occupies the board came to the following conclusions. The township needs this internet service, but it is costing us to maintain the tower and to pay the lease fees yearly, the township can not continue to have this deficit on our books. ISP Management has agreed

to buy the tower, giving the township a means of covering the deficit, and those citizens that use the internet will continue to have it. There being no questions P. Humphrey made a motion to approve the sale of the Broadband tower to ISP Management, removing the deficit to the township and to further insure the current service to our citizens that use it, motion supported by J. Lackie. All Board members supported this decision and voted in the affirmation, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Planning – L. Stevens reported that Planning is reviewing the Master Plan and had received a copy of Lincoln townships. He also reported that the Senate has passed a new version of the Medical Marijuana Act and there is a 3% tax indicated in the new version.

Building – W. Mantei had five permits.

Zoning – H. Logan had five permits.

Blight – H. Logan reported he has three new blight issue he is monitoring and court notices have been sent to parties with Dangerous Structures. He also had a complaint from Lake Tahoe regarding a porta potting being used on a property that has a pole barn and the party brings his motor home to the property.

Citizens comments and concerns: J. Phillips helped the Transfer site attendants clean up a bunch of garbage bags that were left at the gate at the Transfer Site. It is his suggestion that the Township place a camera at that location to catch persons who violate the rules of the Site.

Mile and Kay Caputo also ask the Township if they could help them with the issue of the semi-truck that parks across the street from their house. The noise from the truck is disturbing and they feel the truck should not be parked in a residential sub-division. They spoke with the board of Lake of the Pines and D. Pohoda talked with the truck owner who said he would move the vehicle. The hope was that something in the township ordinances might prohibit this activity, or something in the covenants of Lake of the Pines.

R. Wells moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm with support from S. Sable. Vote taken – Motion carried. The next meeting will be October 12, 2016.

Patricia D. Humphrey
Freeman Township Clerk