

**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 12th of January, 2017

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Deputy Clerk Sable (no voting rights), Treasurer Lackie, Trustees Barnett & Wells; Clerk Lightfoot was excused.

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

Roll Call was taken with all members present, along with 10 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular board meeting minutes from December 8, 2016. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, was present to give his update on County business. Highlights included: County budget being worked on; County considering putting road patrol on the ballot.

Lori Martin, County Clerk, was present to give an update. Highlights included: County working on voting audits which need to be completed by January 31, 2017; New voting equipment will need to be purchased by the Township at an approximate cost of \$2,000; Construction on the County Clerk's office continues; Thoughts on the County's courthouse security.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve check numbers 14598 through 14626, (no voids). Ayes 4, Nays 0.

CLERKS COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler (due to absence of Clerk) noted that the Big Norway Association Members have been updated on our website. We have also asked other associations to update their members, which will then be updated on the website.

Supervisor Housler also informed those present that the flag is not being flown at this time due to a mechanism on the pulley system being broken. It will be fixed in the Spring.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed the 2017 road projects. He noted that we had wanted to put more limestone down on Ashard (M-115 easterly to blacktop). This will be done by the Road Commission at their expense under maintenance. Also, Cook Road is a county primary road

and it is in the plans for the Road Commission to gravel in the future. Pinehurst may be a candidate for paving in the future. At that time, we will talk with Lake of the Pines to help with the cost of paving this road, since it is primarily used for their Pontoon Island and their Campground.

Motion made by Trustee Wells to approve the following road projects for the 2017 construction season:

Spring Road & Mannsiding – Norway to Strawberry – Estimated Cost = \$61,000

Twin Lakes Road – M-115 to Ashard – Estimated Cost = \$23,186

White Acre Drive – Hemlock westerly to end – Estimated Cost = \$28,710

TOTAL COSTS: \$112,896

(Note: Road Commission through Township Share Program is contributing \$20,000; remainder paid for by millage.)

Seconded by Treasurer Lackie. (Ayes 4 – Lackie, Wells, Barnett, Housler; Nays 0.)

Supervisor Housler discussed the rental of the Township hall and the fees associated with it. Currently it is \$65.00 plus \$35.00 deposit which will be returned if no damage, cleaning, etc. We currently clean the hall up afterwards. Comments mentioned that we should just charge \$100 since we have to clean up hall afterwards no matter what. Supervisor Housler asked the board to think about this and we'll put it on the next agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning (Leo Stevens) – Absent

Building (Werner Mantei) – Absent

Zoning & Blight (H. Logan) – He is currently monitoring 5 blight properties and 1 in court.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

There were none.

Adjourn: Motion by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Wells to adjourn the regular meeting. **TIME: 7:45 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Sandra Sable, Township Deputy Clerk