

**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 9th of February, 2017

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 11 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Treasurer Lackie, to approve the regular board meeting minutes from January 12, 2017. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to approve the special board meeting minutes from February 2, 2017. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, was present to give his update on County business. Highlights included: Elected new Chair and Vice Chair; reported there was a slight increase in the gypsy moth in two townships – one of which was Freeman Township – but not enough to warrant spraying; County budget being worked on.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve check numbers 14627 through 14655, (voids 14637-14638). Ayes 5, Nays 0.

CLERKS COMMENTS

Clerk Lightfoot noted that Ray Smith would like to give back 2 cremation plots to the Township. It was noted that he would be reimbursed the same price as he paid for them.

Motion by Trustee Wells, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to allow Ray Smith to give back the 2 cremation plots and be reimbursed for same. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

Clerk Lightfoot discussed that an official FOIA Coordinator needed to be named since the previous FOIA Coordinator was Sandra Sable who is no longer on the board.

Supervisor Housler moved, seconded by Trustee Wells, no name Carol Barnett as the FOIA Coordinator. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

Clerk Lightfoot discussed setting the office Public Hearing date for the 2017/2018 Budget.

Motion by Trustee Wells, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to set the Public Hearing date as March 9, 2017 to approve the 2017/2018 budget. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed our current trash/recycling hauler, American Waste, and noted that the board has been extremely satisfied with their services. He also noted that they have been our trash/recycling hauler since 2013, when they won the bid. Since we are on a month to month basis with them, instead of having a contract, the board would like to name them as our official trash/recycling hauler. He further noted that they have not increased our price since 2013.

Motion by Trustee Wells, seconded by Supervisor Housler, to name American Waste as our official trash/recycling hauler. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler next discussed the new Hall Rental Agreement and its related fees. He noted that a fee for smoking in the hall had been added, along with additional charges for any damages found over and above basic cleanup.

Motion by Trustee Wells, seconded by Treasurer Lackie, to approve the new Hall Rental Agreement. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler discussed the Assessor's Contract. He noted that the Assessment Roll, along with other requirements, must be approved by an official of the Township. Therefore, this contract states such and states the pay as an employee for doing such.

Motion by Clerk Lightfoot, seconded by Trustee Wells, to approve the Assessor's contract and associated pay. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler brought to the attention of the public to advise anyone that is a disabled veteran to bring their paperwork for tax exemption to the office before the March Board of Review meeting where these are approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning (Leo Stevens) – Planning on having an open meeting to the public to discuss updating the Master Plan. Also when the committee meets again they may be looking at a couple of new ordinances.

Building (Werner Mantei) – Absent

Zoning & Blight (H. Logan) – No zoning permits this month, but quite a few calls. On one of the court cases, the person has agreed with the court to pay their fine at \$50/month, which gives the Township about 6 more months where they can't do anything.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Leo Stevens noted to watch out for the scam that is going around. He received a phone call and if you say "Can you hear me now?" and say "yes", they rework the recording and say you agreed to their contract. He noted it was from a 248 area code.

Jerry Berger made comment that he thought the Road Commission was doing a good job with the roads.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Wells, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried. **TIME: 7:34 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk