

**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 13th of February, 2020

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Clerk Lightfoot, Treasurer Lackie, Trustees Barnett & Sable.

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 Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve the regular board meeting minutes from January 9, 2020. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner was present and gave the following highlights: The Sheriff's Department was given authorization to write a grant for a 70/30 match to cover 2 additional deputies; The Records Department is increasing the fee for searches from \$5 to \$6.95 per search; The Board conducted the interviews for the 2 new positions on the Road Commission board. 14 people were interviewed and the Board has narrowed it down to 4. They will vote on the 2 people they want for the positions at the next County Board Meeting.

Clerk Lightfoot noted that if you have a issue with the Road Commission you can either call their office or email them at ccrc@clarecrc.com. They have a new service request module to track phone calls, complaints, concerns, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve early check number 15372 and regular checks 15373-15388. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler noted that some people were not available for the March Planning Commission meeting, including the Chair, so if the Board didn't have an issue, we would cancel it. No objections.

Supervisor Housler noted that we have a vacancy on the Planning Commission. An ad will go in the newspaper for it and it is also posted on our website. Anyone looking to apply should submit a letter of intent with qualifications to him by March 30th, 2020.

Supervisor Housler noted it's that time of year where we prepare the budget and have a public hearing. He noted we will have the budget available for inspection February 24th (and forward)

and we need to set the Public Hearing for March 12, 2020. He also mentioned that resources are extremely limited so there won't be much change to last year's budget.

Supervisor Housler moved to have the budget available for inspection February 24th (and forward) and to set the Public Hearing for the Budget on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Sable, Barnett, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the curbside pickup noting the Lawsuit has been dropped and all official paperwork has been filed. The attorney fees to the Township in defending the lawsuit came to \$7595.97. We will turn this into our insurance company for reimbursement.

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the recycling. We have been using American Waste because we weren't able to get Northern Oaks or Waste Management to return our phone calls. He thanked Commissioner Dale Majewski for giving us a contact who finally called us back. She is trying to get recycling bin from Waste Management but has to check with the Wixom office. She will get back with us by next week. We're hoping to have the free recycle bin here by the 3rd weekend in March, unless they logistically can't do that weekend. If the weekend changes, we will notify the public (through our website and board at the hall).

Supervisor Housler noted that a couple more properties have come up that are considered non-habitable and therefore should be taken off the special assessment list.

Supervisor Housler moved to remove the following two properties from the Curbside Special Assessment Roll: 009-026-100-05 and 009-012-200-01, seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Barnett, Sable, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler made those in attendance aware of an article that was written by Grant Township Supervisor in reference to the Transit millage. He made copies for anyone that would like one and they are on the back table.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Lightfoot noted that during the process of the lawsuit it came to her attention that she inadvertently left out a couple items in the minutes. Per the advice of our attorney, we were advised not to amend the minutes until the lawsuit was settled. Supervisor Housler noted that these are considered clerical errors and in no way change the outcome of any decisions. Clerk Lightfoot also noted that she verified the information with her handwritten notes and found all the information. It was just a clerical error where she forgot to type them in the minutes.

Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to amend the minutes as follows. (Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Sable, Barnett, Lightfoot), Nays 0.)

May 30th, 2019: (Page 30 – second paragraph). Original minutes: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the following Notice #1. Amended minutes: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the following Notice #1. Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Lightfoot, Sable, Barnett), Nays 0.

July 16, 2019: (Page 52 – Motion before the resolution). Original minutes: Supervisor Housler made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-1 and for it to be adopted. Amended minutes: Supervisor Housler made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-1 and for it to be adopted, seconded by Trustee Sable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

None

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting.
TIME: 7:29 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk