

**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

Special Board Meeting, Monday, the 1st of April, 2019

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

TIME: 10:30 a.m. Call to Order

Roll Call was taken with all members present. Also present was Rick Fancon from American Waste, and John Lackie/Robert Eckardt – employees of the Transfer Station.

Supervisor Housler noted this board meeting is a follow-up to the meeting we had in February. We are looking at the needs and desires of additional recycling facilities at the Transfer Station. Also considering an additional compactor. Mr. Fancon was here to present us costs.

Supervisor Housler noted that any figures presented today were ONLY a preliminary estimate.

He also noted that back in 2012 a committee looked into doing curbside pickup and at that time the decision was not to do it.

We are looking at some major expenditures (possibly \$30,000 to \$40,000) to update the property and bring in an additional compactor. This is a pivotal time because if we make the decision to spend that much money and take out loans for it, we will be committed to this action for many years to come. We should also take a look at the prices for curbside pickup.

One of the major problems we are having, and we don't see it getting any better, is the fact we are having a hard time getting employees to work the Transfer Station. What will we do if we put all the money into the Transfer Station and then we can't find people to man it.

Mr. Fancon has given us an estimate for additional compactor. This would allow us to totally fill the first compactor and have a second one to switch over to once the first one is full.

Other questions that came up were what we should do if we go curbside with recycling. We are told that recycling is starting to die out. Not as many companies buying the recycling goods. Also what to do about the open tops where people can bring furniture, mattresses, etc.

There was also a short discussion on our current metal bin. Motion by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Sable, to move the metal bin from Padnos to American Waste so everything is with one company. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

Mr. Fancon will work on getting us a firm price for curbside pickup. Supervisor Housler will provide him with the number of residences and a map of the Township.

The Board will further discuss the issue of curbside pickup or increasing the number of compactors we have with Mr. Fancon on April 22nd at 9:00 a.m. (Special Board Meeting.)

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the meeting.
TIME: 10:11 a.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk