

**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 10th of May, 2018

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 14 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular board meeting minutes from April 12, 2018. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner - Highlights included: Heather Jensen and her students were honored for their distribution of a book called "Love" to the Children's Hospital; They have hired a new I.T. person – Nick Loomis, who will serve as part-time director; The Board approved the ballot language for the 911 millage renewal; Sheriff has been approved to purchase ORV/ATV which will be paid for by funds through the DNR.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable, to approve account payable checks. Early Checks #14950 & 14951 and Regular Checks #14952 – 14970. No Voids. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed the maintenance agreement with the Clare County Equalization Department. He noted this is a yearly agreement and is related to the tax preparation services provided by the County.

Motion made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the maintenance agreement with the Clare County Equalization Department. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler informed those present that we received a follow-up communication from Charter relating to the Franchise Agreement. He asked the Clerk to file the letter with our letter to Charter.

Supervisor Housler reminded those present that the 30 yarder (large item dumpster) will be available Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend.

Supervisor Housler informed the public that there is a map of the Gypsy Moth Spray Program located on the inside bulletin board at the back of the Township Hall.

Supervisor Housler asked Planning Chair John Phillips to take a look at the Cemetery Ordinance and see if any of it needed to be updated, including the rates. The Clerk will email local clerks asking for their current pricing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning-Chair John Phillips: Mr. Phillips noted they were missing a couple of members, but since there was nothing to vote on, they still held their meeting. They reviewed Ordinances 15 thru 26, making a slight change to Ordinance 23.

Building-Werner Mantei: He had 3 permits this month. A demo on Ashcroft, garage on Cedarhurst and doublewide on Patsy Place. Commissioner Majewski asked about the tower on M-115. Mr. Mantei responded that the tower is not up, but the base is in. Don Kowalske asked if you need a permit for portable sheds (10x16). Yes for sheds totaling 144 square feet or more.

Zoning & Blight-Harold Logan: He had 4 zoning permits this month. In relation to blight, he is monitoring 5 properties and has 2 citations. Twin Lakes @ Ashard – Trailer – still working with them. If they don't clean up, then he will issue citation. Supervisor Housler stated we've waited long enough on this property. Mr. Logan then noted if it wasn't cleaned up within a week, he would issue a citation. Dorothy Burdo asked if there were any new developments on the Rude property. No.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Roger Diederich noted that he had asked about the blight fees and how much revenue the Township receives from them at a previous meeting. He noted since that meeting he contacted the Attorney General's office and asked why the County is keeping all of the revenue from these cases. He was told by former legal law enforcement officials this should not be happening. He also inquired whether there was a statute that allowed them to do this. He will let the Board know what he finds out.

Marilyn Woolsey asked about the 30 day grace period for license tabs.

Adjourn: There being no further business; a motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting. **TIME: 7:20 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Clerk