

**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 14th of June, 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 15 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular board meeting minutes from May 10, 2018. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner - Highlights included: Reminder to check for burn ban requirements if open burning; Neighborhood watch in Lake George on Saturday from 9-3 with lots going on including giving away smoke detectors. CPL – change to look of the license; will include Sheriff seal and more colorful; can also renew online. Mary Cooper is the new Court Clerk. Sherlby Patch of Recovery Network gave information on Opioid usage; for every 10,000 people in Clare County there are 15,992 prescriptions given out; 28% increase from previous year. Clare County isn't at the top though; those counties are at 2-2 ½ time prescriptions per person. John Phillips asked Commissioner Majewski if the hydrants had been flushed yet and he reported that would be done at the end of July.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable, to approve account payable checks. Regular Checks #14971 – 14994. No Voids. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler spoke about the special assessment district for Lake Tahoe and their interest in an assessment for their lake for a period of 10 years. Supervisor Housler noted that a sufficient number of signatures had been received and they have all been verified. The 10 year assessment will give them time to take care of their lake issues. He also noted that we can accept signatures up until the time of the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to set the Public Hearing #1 for July 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., with Hearing #2 to immediately follow. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler noted that we have received a Right of First Refusal letter for 2018 Tax Foreclosures. He also noted that the Rude property has not had the taxes paid and therefore it will go up for tax sale in August. Any properties bought by the township through this Right of

First Refusal have to be used for public purposes. We are not allowed to buy these properties and then sell them. Supervisor Housler moved to sign the Waiver of Right of First Refusal, seconded by Treasurer Lackie. (Which means we will not be purchasing any of the properties). Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler informed the public that we are currently seeking 1 or 2 transfer station employees. You can drop off an application at the hall. He also noted that the open top will be available again on the weekend before the 4th of July. Geri Shaw asked about getting rid of tires. Tires are not allowed to be dumped in any of Freeman Township's dumpsters. Commissioner Majewski noted that Northern Oaks in Harrison will take 4 times per family per year.

Supervisor also noted that the Tuesday before the 4th of July (June 26th) we would be receiving our brine application. He also reminded everyone that our application normally done the Tuesday before Labor Day has been moved up to the middle of August. (August 16th).

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Lightfoot reminded the Board that there was a local MTA Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2018.

Clerk Lightfoot also asked for authorization to sign our property and liability insurance renewal paperwork. Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to authorize the Clerk to sign the insurance renewal paperwork. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning-John Phillips: Mr. Phillips noted that Planning Commission has made it all the way through the ordinances. They are looking closer at the Cemetery ordinance. He also thanked Clerk Lightfoot for the information on cemeteries from the other Townships. He further noted that their next board meeting would be July 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. (Clerk Lightfoot noted that a posting has been made in the newspaper to update the Planning Commission meetings for the rest of the year to the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.)

Building-Werner Mantei: Absent

Zoning & Blight: Harold Logan: Mr. Logan noted he had 6 zoning permits and 1 variance filed. He also has 7 blight properties. 9736 Ashard has now been added, so now he has 8. 2 citations have been paid and 1 will be issued again if the problem isn't taken care of. The next citation is \$500. Person paid the citation, but didn't clean up the garbage.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Roger Diederich noted he is still working with the Attorney General's office on how funds are disbursed for fines. The A.G. is supposed to give an opinion soon.

Don Kowalske said the roads were graded really nice and packed down this time. The brining was done well also. He asked for us to notify the Road Commission. Supervisor Housler noted he would inform the Road Commission. He also noted that last year the brine company purchased a new high speed pump and were learning how to use it. This year they are more familiar with its operation and therefore are doing a better job of spreading the brine.

Adjourn: There being no further business; a motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting. **TIME: 7:26 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Clerk