

**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 August, 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 July 12, 2018. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner - Highlights included: The Board is currently starting the beginning stages of the budget; 14% increase in healthcare costs; employees will pick up a portion of the cost; Central Dispatch hired a part-time person to help fill in for vacations, etc.; Effective January 20, 2019, there will be a ban on baiting and feeding of deer (approved by House/Senate today..awaiting Governor's signature.)

Thomas Smith, Smith & Klaczkiewicz PC – Auditor – Highlights included: Looked over books and summarized information for year ending March 31, 2018. He noted they don't audit every single line item. We are ok financially as our fund balance equates to about 10-11 months of expenses. Motion made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to accept the audit as presented. Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Barnett, Sable, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable, to approve account payable checks. Regular Checks #15015 – 15043. No Voids. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the paving of Ashard Road. He noted the bids have been let and accepted. We do not have a specific date yet as the Road Commission left the ending date open in order to save money. We are paying \$57 a ton vs. others paying \$80/ton with a closed date. It may be September before it gets paved. Also, he inquired on when our mile of limestone will be completed and he has not received a response from the Road Commission yet.

A reminder to residents that our last brine will be a little bit earlier this year. In the past we brined the Tuesday before Labor Day; however, due to past summers being so dry and the time period from before 4<sup>th</sup> of July to the week before Labor Day being too long, the Board

decided to move the last brine up to August. Therefore our next brining is schedule for Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He noted the Road Commission should be grading the roads beforehand.

Supervisor Housler reminded the Board Members that the Local MTA Meeting will be held Monday, August 20, 2018, at the courthouse.

Supervisor Housler informed those present that M-61 will be getting repaved starting today, so you should expect delays as the road will be down to one lane.

Supervisor Housler talked about the Transfer Station and the severe (hot) weather. He noted the extended weather forecast is not as hot as it has been. He would like to keep this topic open and over the winter develop a plan for next summer when the temperatures exceed 90 degrees.

Supervisor Housler noted that the Planning Commission has updated the Master Plan. The Board should study it talk about approval at the next board meeting or so.

### **CLERKS COMMENTS**

Clerk Lightfoot thanked all those that worked the election and a special thanks to Vicki Brauner and Geri Shaw for all their hard work getting our election equipment through its testing. Clerk Lightfoot also noted that the workers were very good at explaining how the primary election would work and helping those that had questions. Everyone worked very well together. Clerk Lightfoot also noted that we had 290 voters which is a very good turnout for a primary election.

Clerk Lightfoot reminded the residents that Waste Management is having their 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection on September 19, 2018, from 10am to 2pm.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning – John Phillips: Absent

Building – Werner Mantei – 7 permits

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – 5 zoning permits – 8 blight properties monitored. Two will get their 1<sup>st</sup> notice. The corner of Grass Lake and Monroe – the trailer has been demolished. The Rude property has been sold in the tax sale.

### **COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS**

Roger Diederich asked about an update on Ordinance 11. Supervisor Housler is still researching information...trying to find the reason it was put in in the first place. He is also working with the attorney. May put on next Board agenda to discuss.

Roger Diederich also noted that he is still waiting for a response from the Attorney General's office.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business; a motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to adjourn the regular meeting. **TIME: 8:02 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Julie Lightfoot, Clerk