

**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 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020**

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

**TIME: 7:00 p.m.** Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call was taken with 4 members present.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular board meeting minutes from August 13, 2020. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, gave the following update: County owns property by American Waste and will be leasing the property to them. Budget is now balanced. Proposal on the November ballot for Gypsy moth. It is for 5 years and is 1 mil. If approved it will raise 1 million dollars.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve early check #15509, and regular check numbers 15510-15525. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Supervisor Housler discussed adjustments to the Special Assessment Tax Roll deleting vacant and non-habitable properties. He noted the Township is considered the District. Vacant and non-habitable properties are not assessed. After the computer generated the list, we've come across properties that had assets but not a habitable property. The following property needs to be removed from the list:

7521 Karen Drive – Property #009-140-024-00

Motion made by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Sable to remove the above listed property from the Special Assessment Tax Roll. Ayes 4 (Housler, Lackie, Barnett, Sable), Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler indicated that the Road Commission has asked the Board to consider putting a 1 inch overlay on Hemlock Road next year. As the vast majority of the roads have now been done with limestone except for some small roads in Lake of the Pines, it may be time to look into having the roads chipped and sealed. Will need to meet with the Road Commission to determine if it can be done over the limestone. Don Kowalske asked if anything further has been discussed

about doing a small portion of Ashard as a test. Supervisor Housler indicated nothing has been done. Supervisor Housler indicated that the Road Commission will get the Board estimates for next year's road construction.

Supervisor Housler discussed looking into getting plexiglass for the Treasurer's office and a split door for the Clerk's office for extra COVID safety. He mentioned that people are getting too close to the staff when coming into the office and since it doesn't appear the virus will be going away in the near future, we need to add some additional safety precautions.

Supervisor indicated that the insurance company hasn't put a package together yet, so this will be put on hold until the October meeting.

Supervisor Housler spoke about the recycling and mentioned that hopefully with the end of summer, the overflow will decrease. He indicated he will be putting out signs to NOT put stuff on the ground if the bins are full. Supervisor Housler mentioned that there is a company in Mt. Pleasant that Grant Township uses for their recycling. The company will bring the bins and man the operation 1 day a month. The cost is approximately \$485.00 per month. Just something to think about for the future.

### **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Supervisor Housler spoke (for Clerk Lightfoot) letting everyone know that absentee ballots should be mailed out towards the end of the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>, (all depending on when she receives them from the County Clerk's office). If those that have signed up for an absentee ballot don't receive one in the mail by October 5, 2020, they should contact her at the office. Also, with all that is going on with the mail, and because there are going to be so many more absentee ballots in the mail, she suggested that residents do not mail their ballots back within 7-10 days of the election, but rather drop them off in the drop box at the Township hall.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning – John Phillips: John Phillips indicated the Planning Commission is going to look into the camping situation. They will be meeting on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: Zoning Permits-3. 4111 Ridgeway Trail has a show cause hearing tomorrow, Friday, at 11:00 a.m. regarding running a business in a residential area. 941 Windover has requested a property split and this request will be forwarded to the Board. Monitoring 5 blight areas.

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

Kirk Curtiss brought in his zoning application and gave to Harold Logan.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to adjourn the regular meeting. **TIME: 7:25 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Carol Barnett, Township Deputy Clerk