

**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 September, 2017

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Clerk Lightfoot, Treasurer Lackie, and Trustee Barnett. (Other trustee position vacant due to death of Trustee Wells)

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

Roll Call was taken with all members present, along with 24 citizens.

Supervisor Housler informed everyone present that our Trustee, Richard Wells, passed away. He asked for a moment of silence to reflect on Dick's life and the contributions he made to the Township.

Supervisor Housler also informed those present that there would be a memorial for Mr. Wells at LOP Rec Hall on September 23, 2017 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of August 10, 2017. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Due to the death of Trustee Wells, Supervisor Housler informed those present that it is the Board's responsibility to appoint a replacement within 45 days. If not, we would have to have a special election. He noted we had asked for applicants by posting it on the website and through our email notification service.

Supervisor Housler asked for nominations for the trustee position. He noted that we had already received 5 applications: Leo Stevens, Sandra Sable, Kenneth Logan, Lori Lightfoot and Marilyn Woolsey. Treasurer Lackie nominated and moved to appoint Sandra Sable because she has been a trustee in the past; she is presently the Deputy Clerk; and because she has donated countless hours to the Township. Seconded by Supervisor Housler. Supervisor asked three times if there were any more nominations. There being none, a roll call vote was taken. Ayes 4 (Lackie, Housler, Lightfoot, Barnett) Nays 0.

Sandra Sable was asked to come forward and be sworn in by Clerk Lightfoot. Trustee Sable being sworn in, she took her seat at the board table.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner made the following comments: The Board had a special meeting to discuss the budget. Their new budget is \$12,600,000 and they will be voting on it at the next board meeting. He also noted that about 100 cars came through the hazardous waste disposal in Harrison. Roger Bogenschutz noted that the people were very kind and organized.

Sheryl Judd & Sarah Gray, Voters Not Politicians- Non-Partisan Group was present and gave the following comments: Politicians draw voting maps so they can pick the voters. They are working to change this. They would like independent citizens commission to draw up the maps in a fair and equitable way. They have a petition that you can sign and if enough signatures are gathered, it will be put on the 2018 ballot and would amend the constitution. The Secretary of State would then send out letters to various people asking them to be on the commission. The language was approved 4 weeks ago and presently there are about 100,000 signatures.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable, to approve early check number 14804 & regular check numbers 14805-14822, (Voids-None). Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed the updated Building/Zoning Permit Schedule. He noted the fees have increased. Ours were quite low, but are now in line with what Lincoln Township has, but are still below what the County has.

Motion made by Supervisor Housler, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the new Building/Zoning Permit Schedule.

BUILDING/ZONING PERMIT SCHEDULE

Base Permit/Minimum	\$100.00 (*except as noted)
New Construction:	
1 st Floor	0.15/sq. foot
2 nd Floor	0.07/sq. foot
Basement	0.05/sq. foot
Mobile Home – Single Wide	125.00
Mobile Home – Double Wide & Modular	150.00, plus 0.15/ft after 900 sq. ft.
w/ slab or piers	incl.
w/ crawl space	incl.
w/ basement	25.00
Decks & Porches	100.00 plus 0.07/sq. foot
Garage	100.00 plus 0.12/sq. foot
Pole Buildings	100.00 plus 0.12/sq. foot
Sheds & Carports over 120/sq. ft. and under 200/sq. ft.	* 70.00
Sheds & Carports over 200/sq. ft.	* 70.00 plus 0.09/sq. ft.
Chimney/Fireplace	* 50.00
Swimming Pool	* 70.00
Relocation	Standard Minimum Permit Fee
Demolition	70.00
Special or Addition Inspection	40.00
Permit Renewal (after 6 months)	100.00 plus Permit Fee at B.I. Option
Building without a valid Permit	Double Permit Fee
Residential Plan Review with Energy Code Inspection	40.00
Re-Roofing	* 50.00
Siding	* 50.00

Window Installation or Replacement	* 50.00
Remodel or Addition	100.00 plus Sq. Footage
Cell Tower in a Residential Zone	300.00
Zoning Administration Permit Fee	35.00
Zoning Variance Request & Hearing	450.00
Special Land Use Permit	125.00 plus Hearing
Final Inspection & Occupancy Permit	100.00
Refundable Bond	100.00
Commercial Plan Review (Building Only)	150.00
Commercial Addt. Trades (Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical)	Clare County (Contact info provided)
Commercial Permit Fees: Plus Base Fee & Additional Inspections	
• Up to \$1,000 in Building Value	46.00
• \$1,001 to \$10,000	46.00 (Plus \$12 per K over 1K)
• \$10,001 to \$100,000	144.00 (Plus \$3.50 per K over 10K)
• \$100,001 to \$500,000	454.00 (Plus \$3.50 per K over 100K)
• \$500,000 and up	1375.00 (Plus \$3.25 per K over 500K)

Supervisor Housler discussed the idea of having a garage sale ordinance. He also wanted to discuss the suggestions to hold a “Junk in the Trunk” in the Township Parking Lot.

The first item discussed was the “Junk in the Trunk”. Board concerns were as follows: We would have to buy liability insurance; there wouldn’t be enough parking if vendors were in the parking lot; lack of parking in lot would cause people to park on road and could cause safety problems; parking in the cemetery could cause damage or there might be a burial that day. Leo Stevens and Gary Maas (from audience) also gave comments about lack of parking. With this being said, the Board decided to drop the idea.

Next Supervisor Housler discussed the idea of a garage sale ordinance. Currently the only real problem is the house on M-115. (Audience member Joe Gammie noted that neighbor two houses down is also teaming up with house on M-115 in question.) Harold Logan, Zoning Administrator, noted he has talked with the owners of the house in question on M-115. He will also talk with them again. Jerry Burger suggested maybe a permit fee should be instituted if you want to have a garage sale. Others in audience feel it is running as a business. Mark Lightfoot thought the Board (a long time ago) classified all of M-115 as commercial. Supervisor Housler said he will check and see if that’s the case. Leo Stevens noted that M-115 up by Buck Horn and the corner of M-115 & Lake Station is all that is commercial. Mark Lightfoot further commented that there should be a permit with a fee then. That could also lead to having an ordinance. Supervisor Housler noted that someone would have to be available to administer and monitor. Sarah Gray noted she was on a Zoning Board of Appeals in Novi and she sees it as we only have a problem with one person. Best bet is to deal with one person and keep as simple as possible. Supervisor Housler said he will go back into old ordinances and research about M-115, and asked Harold to talk with the guy again to see where he’s headed in the future with this garage sale.

Supervisor Housler discussed the Resolution for Opting out of Medical Marijuana Facilities in the Township. He noted that as a board we have already taken a position on this but are following up on this with a resolution recommended by MTA. He also noted that Planning Commission had reviewed it and concurred with it.

**TOWNSHIP OF FREEMAN
CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES
AUTHORIZED BY PA 281 OF 2016**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

WHEREAS, Public Act 281 of 2016 (MCL 333.27101 et. Seq.) authorizes the State of Michigan to license five different types of facilities related to medical marijuana (grower, processor, secure transporter, provisioning center, and safety compliance facility); and

WHEREAS, Section 205 of PA 281 of 2016 (MCL 333.27205) provides that “[a] marijuana facility shall not operate in a municipality unless the municipality has adopted an ordinance that authorizes that type of facility”; and

WHEREAS, Section 205 of PA 281 of 2016 further provides that “[a] municipality may adopt other ordinances relating to marijuana facilities within its jurisdiction, including zoning regulations...”; and

WHEREAS, Section 205 of PA 281 of 2016 requires a municipality to respond to the State of Michigan, Medical Marijuana Licensing Board, within 90 days after the municipality receives notification from the applicant that a license for one of the five types of medical marijuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016 has been applied for; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Freeman Township, Clare County, Michigan is cognizant of its authority to adopt an ordinance or ordinances to authorize the operation of one or more of the five types of medical marijuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016 but desires to **not** do so.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. Freeman Township, Clare County, Michigan declines to adopt an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marijuana facilities within the Township authorized by PA 281 of 2016; and
2. As a result of the Township’s declination to adopt an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marijuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016, a **“marijuana facility shall not operate in the Township”**, and
3. The Township Clerk and/or the Township Zoning Administrator is authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the State of Michigan, Medical Marijuana Licensing Board in response to a request to locate a medical marijuana facility authorized by PA 281 of 2016 within the Township or for any other reason authorized by or in response to a request from State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or its successor agency or the Medical Marijuana Licensing Board; and
4. The Township Clerk and/or the Township Zoning Administrator is authorized to provide a copy of this Resolution to any applicant requesting the ability to locate a medical marijuana grower, processor, secure transporter, provisioning center or safety compliance facility in the Township as evidence that the same shall not be allowed in the Township; and
5. All resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed; and
6. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect until repealed by the Township Board.

This RESOLUTION was offered by Board member Trustee Sable, supported by Board member Treasurer Lackie at a meeting on September 14, 2017. The members of the Township Board voted as follows: Ayes 5 (Sable, Lackie, Housler, Lightfoot, Barnett, Sable) Nays 0.

The TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR declared the RESOLUTION duly adopted.

Supervisor Housler discussed the 2018 Road Program. He asked the Board to start thinking of roads they would like to have done next summer. We typically get our list to the Road Commission some time in November. The Road Commission would like us to do Ashard from Hemlock to Grass Lake. The road is starting to see wear and tear and will need something done to it relatively soon. He asked the Road Commission to give us a price on paving it. The Road Commission recommended chip seal, however chip seal does not make the ride any better, it only preserves the road. Once we have prices for chip seal and paving, we will have a better idea on which direction to go.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Lightfoot informed those present that we have received the new election equipment. She, along with Vicki Brauner and Geri Shaw, went to training on the new equipment. She also noted that residents should wait 5 seconds or so once putting in their ballot to wait for the response from the machine. The machine will let you know if your ballot is good or not. If it is not, it will notify you on the screen what is wrong.

Clerk Lightfoot also informed those present of the new Michigan Drivers Licenses. In order for Michigan residents to fly on a plane or enter a Federal Building, you are now required to either have the new REAL ID-compliant driver's license or show other types of Federally approved ID such as a passport. There is also an enhanced driver's license and ID card which has a U.S. Flag on it. This ID is Federally compliant and it allows you to travel by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and Caribbean nations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning-Leo Stevens: Mr. Stevens noted they are working on language for trailers and the construction of them. They hope to have ready soon so the board can set a public hearing. Probably should have in time for the November meeting. He also noted the planning commission reviewed the medical marijuana resolution. According to the State law if the Township didn't want in the township, they didn't have to do anything, however MTA recommended passing this resolution. Clerk Lightfoot also noted that if someone comes in the Township and wants to set up a shop, you can give them a copy of this resolution.

Building – Werner Mantei – 7 permits this month.

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: Mr. Logan noted that there were 5 zoning permits. He also noted that it looks like Verizon has done a perk test on the property. They are moving forward. He also has removed 2 from his blight list. The property on Twin Lakes looks better. The property on Pinecroft will have a court hearing soon if not cleaned up. The property on Ashard will start cleaning up soon.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Marilyn Woolsey asked about a white truck with items on the top driving around. Supervisor Housler said he believes that is a Google truck.

Gary Maas asked if he could take tires to the transfer site. The answer was no, but he could take them to Northern Oakes in Harrison.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Barnett, and seconded by Trustee Sable to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. **Time: 7:45 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk