

**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 October, 2019

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Treasurer Lackie, Clerk Lightfoot, 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 20 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 12th, 2019. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner was present and gave the following highlights: finalized the 2020 budget, with numbers back to 2017 amounts; Carl Parks gave update on Tobacco Drain. Supervisor Housler noted he was speaking for himself and that he appreciated the stand that Commissioner Majewski takes and for keeping the budget under control.

Ryan Blain, Committee to Support Farwell Area Schools gave the following highlights: In support of anything for the kids but more educating needs to be done; strong reasons for voting no; bond will not fix everything; they do not have a plan; student enrollment down; is it time to abolish the wing - actually fits preschool well; no structural integrity study done; Johnson Control is vendor; this bond is going to put us in financial ruins; we're on Facebook; going to be sending a letter out soon.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve early check numbers #15300-15304 and regular check numbers 15305-15320. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed the agreement with Emergency Management. He noted we've had an agreement for years. This is a 3 year agreement which sets forth the procedures for emergency situations. The Red Cross also uses local shelters. We need their criteria list; however, we don't believe we'll qualify, as we believe we would need a shower and a better kitchen. A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the agreement with Emergency Management. Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Sable, Barnett, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Lightfoot reminded everyone that there is a school election on November 5th, 2019. Freeman Township residents need to vote at the Lincoln Township Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – John Phillips: November 4th is their last meeting of the year. There was no meeting in October.

Building – Werner Mantei – 11 building permits.

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – 2 zoning permits; variance for 6101 Tamarack Trail; Cadillac/Lake Station is making progress; monitoring 8 properties for blight; Ashard & Twin Lakes – working on – Board wants it closed up.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Before opening the floor for public comments, Supervisor Housler noted that the Township Attorney has advised the Board not to give any comments on curbside pickup because of the lawsuit filed.

Brenda Blain asked how the school election last time got to be at Freeman Township Hall and now this year's is at Lincoln Township. Clerk Lightfoot informed the public that the decision was made by the County Clerk to move it back to Freeman Township Hall last time. She (County Clerk) noted that we had enough voters to warrant having our own election. Clerk Lightfoot informed the County Clerk that we have typically had our school elections at Lincoln Township and that it would confuse people. After the last election, it was decided to have this year's school election at Lincoln Township. This would also save the school some money by not having to pay for both places to have election workers.

Donald Kowalske asked if we should still drop off ballots at Freeman Township Hall, to which Clerk Lightfoot said yes. She would deliver all the absentee ballots to Lincoln Township.

Donald Kowalske also asked what was the status on the test strip on Ashard Road. Supervisor Housler noted that in speaking with the Road Commission the limestone would not get done this year and he would check on the test strip.

Jack Kudanian asked why we can't vote on the curbside pickup. Supervisor Housler said that the Board can't answer that question because of the lawsuit. Mr. Kudanian continued and asked if the lawsuit prevails, are you removing all this crap? Supervisor Housler did not answer.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the meeting.
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk