

**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 12th of October, 2017

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 16 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of September 14, 2017. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Sable, to approve the special board meeting minutes of October 5, 2017. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner gave his report. It included the following: A resolution for commending the bus driver for saving person before bus caught on fire. Update on the airport. Resolution approving next year's budget at \$12,600,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to approve early check numbers 14823-14824 & regular check numbers 14825-14838, (Voids-None). Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler informed those present that a new 40-50 yd. METAL DUMPSTER is going to be available soon at the Transfer Site. He noted that the vendor charges approximately \$250 to deliver, setup and pickup. Once the bin is full, the vendor takes it, weighs it, and pays the Township the monies, less the cost for deliver/setup/pickup. It was asked whether it would cover our costs. Yes, after conversations with the vendor (Padnos Cadillac Recycling), they thought with our volume we would make \$200 to \$300 after expenses.

Next Supervisor Housler asked for the board to consider setting new rates for the Transfer Station Special Assessment. (Better known as the garbage tax). Our trash has been on an upward trend. We could be getting refuse from outside sources (those not paying taxes in Freeman Township). He proposed to reduce the \$49 fee to \$37 and the \$10 (vacant lots) fee to \$37. This will cover our expenses, plus a little reserve for extra services. Marilyn Woolsey asked if we could just increase or decrease these fees, and Supervisor Housler said yes. She also noted she had 3 properties so she'd have to pay 3 fees. Yes, however if your properties are

adjacent to each other, you could combine them for tax purposes and then only pay one fee. Dorothy Burdo asked who pays \$10 and she was informed that vacant properties pay \$10.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to charge \$37 across the board for the Transfer Site Special Assessment. Ayes 5 (Sable, Barnett, Lackie, Housler, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler informed those present that he had received changes for Ordinance No. 8 from the Planning Commission, but he had questions about the changes. He will sit down with the Planning Commission and discuss these changes. This item will thus be taken off the agenda.

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the Rude Property. He noted all that can be done has been done on the property. We do not have anymore money to put into it and thus will take no further action.

Supervisor Housler noted that Trustee Wells had been on the Zoning Board of Appeals and thus we need another board member to be on that board. Supervisor Housler moved to appoint Trustee Barnett to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Trustee Sable. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler noted that the Zoning Permit fee listed in the September 14, 2017 minutes was incorrectly listed as \$25. (That is Lincoln Township's fee). It should be \$35. Supervisor Housler moved for the September 14, 2017 minutes to be updated to reflect that change, seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Ayes 5-Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler noted that we have an opening at the Transfer Site and we are currently looking for someone to fill that opening. If you are interested, please send in a letter to the Board.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Lightfoot informed those present that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for November 2, 2017, will be moved to November 1, 2017.

She also informed everyone that Trustee Barnett has been appointed as the Board Member on the Planning Commission. (Replacing Richard Wells)

She further noted that we are currently taking applications for the vacancy on the Planning Commission until November 15, 2017. Those interested should send a letter to the Board.

She also informed those present that the website has been updated with the most recent building permits (long and short) and also the permit fees. These are now located in their own tab on the left-hand side of the website for your convenience. We will be sending out a newsletter in the future, and once that is sent out, we will put a copy of it on the website under a new tab called Newsletters. (Also located on the left-hand side of the website.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING: John Phillips, Acting Chair, noted that the November 2 Planning Commission meeting is being changed to November 1. He also asked for confirmation on the garage sale

ordinance. Supervisor Housler confirmed that the board had pulled that. He also noted they'll work with the Board to redo Ordinance #8.

BUILDING: Werner Mantei noted he had 7 permits.

ZONING & BLIGHT: Harold Logan noted he had 2 zoning permits. He also noted that where the Verizon Tower will be the road has been laid out and spot made for the tower. For blight he had one come off and 1 added. He went to court on 2829 Pinecroft and the judge ruled in our favor.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

None.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Sable, and seconded by Treasurer Lackie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. **Time: 7:35 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk