

**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

Special Meeting, Wednesday, the 25th of October, 2017

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

TIME: 10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call was taken with all members present, along with 0 citizens.

A discussion was held concerning the transfer station fee, new stickers and operational items. Supervisor Housler noted that the metal dumpster is in. Due to all the rain, the metal dumpster has about 3 inches of rain in it. Looking for a solution for that. Talked about pallets for people to walk on, and also about putting a block under the dumpster to angle the container. Supervisor Housler will contact the company to see what can be done.

Next a discussion was held on the new garbage fee. At the board meeting of October 12, 2017, a fee of \$37 was discussed. As we took a look at the actual list of taxpayers, the \$37 fee would bring in too much money, so it was suggested we make the fee at \$32. Motion by Supervisor Housler, seconded by Trustee Barnett to set the garbage assessment fee at \$32 for all parcels. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Further discussion was held on purchasing new garbage permit stickers and the cost of extras to those needing additional/replacement stickers. Motion made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to purchase 5000 stickers and charge \$1.00 for extras. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

A discussion was held concerning 2018 road projects. The Road Commission has suggested chip and sealing Ashard (1 mile). The Board is not in favor of chip sealing that mile, so Road Commission suggested that the road should be crack sealed. The Board questions the Road Commission whether this is Township cost or Road Commission costs. This is a maintenance item and should be handled and paid for by the Road Commission. Instead we are heading toward the direction of paving Ashard. Because we don't have the money for it in one year, it was suggested that Supervisor Housler contact the Road Commission and get a price for paving ½ mile in 2018 and ½ mile in 2019. This would also give us the advantage of receiving the \$40,000 the Road Commission contributes towards projects in both years. There was also a discussion on what roads we should limestone in 2018. Suggestions of Greenbriar and Tamarack were given.

Finally, discussions were held about the proposed Newsletter we want to send out. A draft copy was given to the Board and suggestions were made for items to add/delete. This newsletter will be mailed out, along with the new Garbage permits.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Sable, and seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. **Time: 11:18 a.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk