

**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 8<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018**

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 5 members present, along with 7 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve the regular board meeting minutes from October 11, 2018. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner/Fire Chief – Was absent.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable, to approve account payable checks. Early Checks #15083. Regular Checks 15084-15107. No Voids. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Housler noted that the Board has discussed Ordinance #11 over the past few months. We had received a revised Ordinance #11 from the Planning Commission. The Board felt it was in the best interest to repeal Ordinance #11. Ordinance #37 will repeal Ordinance #11. A motion was made by Supervisor Housler, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve Ordinance #37. Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Barnett, Sable, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler asked the Board to be thinking of proposed projects we can submit to the Road Commission for the 2019 Construction Season. He noted that the paving of Ashard Road has been put off until next year due to weather. The Road Commission is currently working on a guarantee to have the project be one of the first in the spring and also at the same price as this year.

Supervisor Housler discussed the cleanup of the additional cemetery property where trees fell. He noted that the insurance company paid for the cleanup of the trees that fell in the cemetery; however, they won't pay for the trees that fell in the additional cemetery property because there are no facilities or buildings there. He met with Delos Blain and walked the additional cemetery property. There are lots of poplar trees down but the white pines are ok. Therefore it would be in the best interest of the township to try and lumber off the good trees. There

would be enough trees in this property (to the West of the cemetery) and the area behind the cemetery to pay for the removal of the stumps and cleanup the property for future cemetery development. We may have to pay for a survey to be done so we definitely know where our property lines are. We should have the corners so the survey shouldn't cost as much. Supervisor said he would be willing to call for prices on the survey. A motion was made by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Clerk Lightfoot to get a survey done on the additional cemetery properties. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler noted that he had received 2 bids for a generator for the hall. The first bid was from APCON for a 22,000kw Generac for a cost of \$8655.82. The second bid was from Coleman for a 20,000kw Cummins for a price of \$11,725. (Note: Neither quote covers the larger meter that could be required by DTE.) We need this large of a generator because of the 5 ton air conditioner. Motion made by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Barnett to purchase the APCON generator at a purchase price of \$8655.82, with a down payment of \$1,000. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

### **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Clerk Lightfoot informed the public that we had a very busy election. We were busy from the time it opened until 12:30 p.m. with only about a 5 minute break. At times there were 10-15 people waiting in line; however from the time they were instructed about the election until the time they were able to vote was only about 10 minutes. We had a 51% voter turnout which is very high for our area. She also informed everyone that Sandra Sable won the Trustee position.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning Commission – John Phillips: Highlights included: They had their elections and everything stays the same with their board. They worked on Ordinance #37 to repeal Ordinance #11. Their meetings will stay the same. (1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10:00 a.m., with the exception of September, which will be the second Monday at 10:00 a.m.)

Building Inspector – Werner Mantei: Absent

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: Absent

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

There were no comments from citizens.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business; a motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting. **TIME: 7:25 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Julie Lightfoot, Clerk