

**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 9th of November, 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 11 citizens.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of October 12, 2017. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Treasurer Lackie, to approve the special board meeting minutes of October 25, 2017. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner gave his report. It included the following: Board of Commissioners will meet November 14 versus November 15, 2017. Reappointed DPW Board with September 30, 2020 term ending date. Appointed Board of Canvassers with term ending date of December 31, 2021. Gave approval to Clerk Martin to hire a replacement in her office. Animal Shelter received award for best shelter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett, to approve check numbers 14839-14855, (Voids-None). Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

The Road Commission has recommended that we put a hard surface on Ashard Road from Hemlock to Lake Station. The Road Commission is recommending chip and seal, but the Board doesn't like this as it is a temporary fix. It would be much better to have an inch and ¾ asphalt. We have asked for an estimate and it exceeds the amount we could pay in one year. We are looking into other options including multi-year project or whole thing in one year and pay the second ½ in the second year to Road Commission. Still working on a solution. For us they've waived the November 1 deadline as they research this further.

The Board also discussed limestoning Greenbriar and Tamarack. Should be around \$55,000-\$60,000, less the \$20,000 contribution from the Road Commission. Roger Diederich asked about Ashard by the transfer site. The Road Commission is supposed to do limestone maintenance on it; however, we cannot pave it. It has been looked at by several different

engineers and they have come to the determination that there is too much much/swamp underneath, which keeps the road moving, so unable to blacktop.

Motion by Supervisor Housler, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to limestone Tamarack and Greenbriar. Ayes 5 Nays 0.

Next Supervisor Housler asked for a Public Hearing date to be set to amend Ordinance #8 per the Planning Commission's recommendations. Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to set a public hearing date for Thursday, December 14, 2017. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler noted that he had received a notice from Lincoln Township advising us that they would be updating their Master Plan. The law requires them to notify the surrounding Townships and give them a copy once the Master Plan is completed.

Supervisor Housler advised those present that there was a Planning Commission Year in Review in the agenda packet. This list shows those items that our Planning Commission worked on over the last year.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk Lightfoot informed those present that the new garbage stickers will be mailed out the beginning of January, 2018. (The last time a Newsletter was sent out to citizens, it was decided by the Board to post all future newsletters on the internet instead of mailing.) Clerk Lightfoot informed those present that the latest newsletter would be on the internet and some copies would be printed out and left on the desk by the entrance door.

COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMISSION: John Phillips, Vice Chair, noted they turned in their budget for next fiscal year; they've postponed elections until the vacancy is filled; and they've postponed working on the Master Plan until the vacancy is filled. (Their next meeting date is in March, 2018).

BUILDING: Werner Mantei, Building Inspector, noted he had 4 permits this month.

ZONING & BLIGHT: Harold Logan noted he had 5 zoning permits; he had 1 zoning violation out; he removed 2 from blight notification and sent out 3 blight notices. (If not handled by next week, 2 will result in citations.) He is monitoring 8 blight properties at this time. Harold and Supervisor Housler have been changing the township efforts more to enforcement and the stronger approach. If people work with us, we will work with them. Harold covers the court appearances, not an attorney.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

None.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Sable, and seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. **Time: 7:25 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk