

**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 December, 2020

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Clerk Lightfoot, Treasurer Lackie, and Trustee Barnett. Trustee Sable was absent, but excused.

TIME: 7:00 p.m. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call was taken with 5 members present.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the regular board meeting minutes from November 12, 2020. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, was absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Supervisor Housler to approve early check #15572, and regular check numbers 15573-15584. Ayes 4 Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed the proposed appointments for the Board of Review, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He did note the appointments have staggered terms for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Clerk Lightfoot, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the following appointments. Ayes 4 Nays 0.

Board of Review – Expires 12-31-2022

Geraldine Shaw
Vicki Brauner
Robert Eckardt
Sheyla Young

Planning Commission

Gary Maas – expires 11-15-2023
Carol Barnett – expires 11-15-2022
Robert Eckardt – expires 11-15-2022
John Phillips – expires 11-15-2023
Richard Sieg – expires 11-15-2021

Zoning Board of Appeals

Donald Mann – expires 6-12-2022

John Phillips – expires 12-16-2021

Richard Sieg – expires 11-15-2023

Next Supervisor Housler discussed the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines. These guidelines are for those people that file for the poverty exemption. We usually have one or two people that qualify. Motion by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adopt the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler then discussed 3 parcels that need to come off the special assessment district for curbside pickup. Once these are approved, the Treasurer will send amended tax bills. Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Supervisor Housler to remove the following from the special assessment district for curbside pickup. Ayes 4 (Housler, Lackie, Barnett, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

Parcel #009-140-059-00 and 009-220-100-00 – Karl and Barbara Holder are currently charged for two containers and should only be charged for one container.

Parcel #009-060-075-00 – Phyllis Young should be DELETED from the district.

Parcel #009-460-004-00, 009-460-005-00, 009-460-006-00, 009-460-007-00 – Edward Kresky should only be charged for one container.

Supervisor Housler mentioned that next month we will be starting to work on the budget. Right now the Planning Commission only has one item they are working on. He asked the Board whether they had anything else for the Planning Commission to work on. Lacking that, if nothing else comes up, it may not be necessary for the Planning Commission to meet every month. Trustee Barnett agreed, and asked how many times they are required to meet. Supervisor Housler said 4 times per year. Clerk Lightfoot also noted that if we put the Planning Commission down to the required 4 times per year, if something urgent comes up, we can always add a meeting back. We would talk about it more next month.

Supervisor Housler noted that last month he said he was going to check out the list from the Road Commission of LOP roads. Due to illness he wasn't able to check these roads out, but would be following up this month.

Supervisor Housler received a letter from Al's Aerial Spraying wondering if Freeman Township would like additional spraying for Gypsy Moth over and above what the County will be doing. Clerk Lightfoot said it would be hard to say yes since we don't know what the County's spraying will do until it's done. Also, she doubted we could afford it. Treasurer Lackie concurred and said she doesn't believe we have enough fund for this.

CLERK'S COMMENT'S

Clerk Lightfoot presented the following resolution in regards to our Regular Board Meeting Schedule and recommended acceptance of the same.

Treasurer Lackie moved to hold the Freeman Township Board Meetings at the Freeman Township Hall, 7280 Mannsiding Road, Lake, Michigan, 48632, on the 2nd Thursday of the month with meetings starting at 7:00 p.m. local time.

The monthly meeting schedule is as follows:

January 14, 2021
February 11, 2021
March 11, 2021
April 8, 2021
May 13, 2021
June 10, 2021
July 8, 2021
August 12, 2021
September 9, 2021
October 14, 2021
November 11, 2021
December 9, 2021

Special meetings of the Board will be scheduled as needed and noticed in accordance with State Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above meeting schedule, time and place be adopted.

Seconded by Trustee Barnett.
Ayes 4, Nays 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – John Phillips: Absent

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: Absent.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

No public comments via Zoom.

Adjourn: Motion by Treasure Lackie, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting. **TIME: 7:14 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk