

Supervisor Housler called the February 12, 2015 Freeman Township Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells along with eleven citizens and Guests were present for the Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call.

Richard Wells with support from J. Lackie moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting. Vote Taken – Motion carried.

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner reported that the new security measures were in place at the Court House and working quite effectively. The commission has gone back to two meetings a month and will re-evaluate this measure in a few months. Dale also explained House Bill 5045 that would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a village, city, or townships with a population under 30,000 to permit the operation of golf carts on its streets. This bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The Township will look into this bill and discuss it with our township attorney.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commissioner spoke briefly about the May 5<sup>th</sup> election for the purpose of approving or not approving the increase in sales tax from 6% to 7%. This is a complex issue and one that is hard to explain, but Lightfoot is going to a conference and hopes to come back to her townships with some less complicated language to explain the whole bill. Not only would the approval of the increase provide much needed funding for roads and bridges, and much needed repairs, but funds for schools and other areas are tied into this bill. It appears that each issue is tied together; if one fails they all fail.

Deputy Brown from the Clare County Sheriff Department introduced himself and encouraged any citizen who has concerns to call the department and talk to them. He plans to attend more of our meetings.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to approve the payment of check numbers 13756 through 13779, early checks being 13756 through 13759, Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

The Clerk ask the board to approve the appointments of election workers for the May 5<sup>th</sup> election.

The Supervisor read a letter of resignation from Sally Meitz from her Board of Review appointment. Housler expressed his appreciation for Sally's years of good service to the township.

Supervisor Housler also ask J. Lightfoot what the process would be concerning any repair to the limestone roads and if it would be necessary to stockpile this material. Lightfoot explained that it would be the road commission's responsibility to bear the burden of cost to repair and they would get the necessary material to do the repair. It was further explained that as soon as possible after the thaw the road commission will start grading these roads awhile they have the moisture in them.

The Township is looking into the purchase of a generator for the township hall. Some cost figures have come in but there is still much work to do on this project. Julie Lightfoot has offered to look into some grants that could help defray costs. The Board will keep the citizens updated on this undertaking.

The preliminary budget has been completed and will be available during office hours for inspection by any citizens that would like to look it over prior to the March 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing to be held at 7:00 pm just prior to the regular Board Meeting. Notice of Public Hearing will appear in the Clare County Cleaver on February 19<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The dates for the March Board of Review will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm, Organizational meeting, they will not hear any petitions at this date and time. March 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon and from 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm the board will hear petitions. March 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30 pm and from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm the board will hear petitions. Applications to Board of Review can be mailed to Freeman Township % of Alan Housler, 7280 Mannsiding Rd. Lake, MI 48632, emailed to [ahousler@gmail.com](mailto:ahousler@gmail.com), or faxed to 989-588-4470, all applications must be received by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Humphrey with support from R. Wells moved to appoint Geraldine Shaw to Board of Review to replace Sally Meitz and to further appoint Vicki Brauner as alternate for Board of Review. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

P Humphrey with support from R. Wells moved to appoint Geraldine Shaw, Vicki Brauner, David Pohoda, Sandra Sable, Margaret Roberts, Susan Turner and Ruth Boerner (alternate) as election workers for the May 5<sup>th</sup> election. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Nothing from Planning. Their meetings resume the first Tuesday in March.

Building Insp: Werner Mantei, did not have any permits.

Zoning: Harold Logan, did not have any permits.

Blight: Harold Logan, is working on three infractions. One vehicle has been removed from the property and an old mobile home at the corner of Lindhaven and Windermere will be removed in the spring.

There was nothing further to report from Roads.

Supervisor thanks everyone for coming out to the meeting. R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm Thursday, March 12, 2015. Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2015/2016 fiscal year budget.

Patricia D. Humphrey  
Freeman Township Clerk