

Freeman Township Board Minutes – June 11, 2015

Supervisor Housler called the June 11, 2015 meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Sixteen citizens and guests along with board members, Housler, Humphrey, Lackie, Sable and Wells were present for the Pledge to the Flag and Roll Call.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015, there were no corrections or additions. Vote Taken – Motion Carried (all ayes)

P. Humphrey with support from J. Lackie moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held June 5, 2015 to approve the contract with the Clare County Road Commission for the 2015/16 Road Projects. Vote Taken – Motion Carried (all ayes)

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 27 2014 to amend the 2013/14 fiscal year budget. Vote Taken – Motion Carried (all ayes) *In an oversight these minutes were not approved at the April Board meeting.*

Guests:

Tom Pirnstill, Clare County Transit, presented the board and citizens with an excellent overview of the workings of the Transit Corp. The buses run Mon – Friday 6am – 10pm, Saturday 10am – 6pm. Buses run between Clare and Harrison until 11pm to accommodate working people. The Transit is seeking a renewal of their millage at the August 4, 2015 election, not an increase – just a renewal. The services provided by the Clare County Transit Corp. are highly valued and used by the citizens of Clare County. If you have questions about this millage proposal please call CCTC @ 989-539-1473, they will be glad to answer all your questions.

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner told us that the budget process continues with Department Heads. He also gave us information regarding Identity Theft, Imposter Scams, what they are and what you can do to avoid them. Visit ftc.gov/PassItOn, to find presentations, activities and other resources. Read them. Share them. You can also view the material he left with us at the township. He also left a copy of Consumer Action Handbook; there is a lot of information in this publication. Take advantage of the resources available to you.

Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commission told us that the problems of road funding are being discussed there is not much to report as yet, but she will keep us informed as she learns something concrete. In Clare County mowing has started along with tree trimming.

Treasures report was made available to the citizens and S. Sable with support from R. Wells moved to approve the payment of check numbers 13926 through 13956. Vote Taken – Motion Carried (all ayes)

Clerk's Comments, told the citizens that there would be an August 4th election with one issue on the ballot, that being the millage renewal for Clare County Transit. Those persons who have signed up for Absentee Ballots will be receiving their applications for this election within the next week.

The clerk introduced the necessary requirements handed down to all government agencies for FOIA, Freedom of Information Act. Townships are required to adopt several resolutions and name a FOIA Coordinator by resolution to handle any requests for information under a FOIA for the township. In an effort to make all our information more available to anyone the Township is working with our webmaster to add links to more information for the citizens, much of the information we could be asked to provide is already available on the web, we want to give you the tools to look at this information. You will see more forms to fill out and return for information you need and more links to give you answers. Our website is www.freemantwp.com, check us out, and if you have any pictures of the township that might be of interest to the citizens please send them to the office with a description of them, any that you can send by email would be much appreciated.

Supervisor's Comments and New Business

The board has sent two new ordinances #33, Outside Alternate Heating and #34 Dangerous Structures to our attorney for approval of wording. We have received that approval and need to schedule a Public

Hearing for these two ordinances. P. Humphrey moved to schedule for the monthly Freeman Township Board Meeting to be held August 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM. This time frame will give the required time frame for publication of the Notice of Meeting and a brief description of the Ordinances. Motion received support from J. Lackie. Vote Taken – Motion Carried. **Ordinances #33 and #34 may be viewed in their entirety at the Township Hall.**

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to approve the 2015 contract with Clare County Equalization for Freeman Township Tax and Assessment rolls. There were no changes to the contract from last year, all costs remain the same. Vote Taken – Motion Carried.

Discussion on a proposal from Delos Blain for the removal of stones and some trees from the parking lot and to slope that hill to allow for better snow removal and easier to mow and keep clean. This estimate includes clearing more area at the end of the parking lot to give better snow removal and to move the snow off of the asphalt. Some of the dirt and stones from the hill will be used to shore up some wash out areas at the cemetery. The estimate to do this work is for \$2200.00 and will come from maintenance. R. Wells moved to approve this estimate and scope of work with support from S. Sable. Vote taken – Motion Carried.

FOIA Motions and Resolutions were as follows:

Resolution to approve Coordinator:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on June 11, 2015, the Freeman Township Board designates Sandra Sable, Freeman Township Trustee has agreed to serve as FOIA Coordinator. Resolution offered by Board Member, Patricia D. Humphrey and second offered by Board Member Janet Lackie. Roll Call vote R. Wells (Yes), J. Lackie (Yes), S. Sable (Yes), P. Humphrey (Yes) and A. Housler (Yes) The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

R. Wells with support from J. Lackie moved to approve the Public Summary of FOIA Procedures and Guidelines which includes all processing fees and labor costs. This document will be made available to anyone who requests same and will be placed on the Township Website. Vote Taken – Motion Carried (All Ayes) Effective July 1, 2015

P. Humphrey with support from S. Sable move to approve the FOIA Request For Public Records form that will be used (effective July 1, 2015) Vote Taken – Motion Carried..(All Ayes)

S. Sable with support from R. Wells moved to approve the forms for Notice to Extend Response Time for FOIA Request – Notice of Denial of FOIA Request – FOIA Appeal Form --- To appeal a Denial of Records and FOIA Appeal Form --- To appeal an Excess Fee . These forms will also be added to the website and become part of the Freeman Township FOIA Packet effective July 1, 2015. Vote Taken – Motion Carried (All Ayes)

Supervisor Housler also clarified the township approval of Golf Carts telling our citizens that Lincoln Township has not approved golf cart travel on their roads as yet. At this time it has not been approved to ride the carts on Mannsiding Road to Lake George. The Township will keep you updated as we get information.

Housler also said that the brining would take place for the July 4th. holiday, dates have not been given to the township as yet.

Committee Reports:

Planning, L. Stevens, work continues on the Master Plan and the commission is asking for requests from the board and citizens. If you have some issue you would like Planning to look at send an email to info@freemantwp.org and they will be happy to investigate your ideas.

Building, W. Mantei, wrote 5 permits this past month and Red Tagged one property on Windover Lake. Werner works in Freeman Township on Tuesday and Thursday.

Zoning, H. Logan, wrote 2 permits this past month.

Blight, H. Logan, reported on several blight infraction he is working on. Harold will look at any issue brought to his attention.

Citizens Comments and Concerns:

Geri Shaw reported a phone call she had received from someone claiming the Senate was taking something away from townships. There was some discussion that others had received the same call and that there was something on Facebook about this issue too. J. Lightfoot did find a reference on Facebook and will look at it more.

Wayne Kiefer, Windover Lake reported that some steps had been constructed at the dead end of Mannsiding Rd. and Windover Lake. The steps were built without a building permit and the property that they are on belongs to the Clare County Road Commission. The person who built them could not have gotten a building permit for them, because he does not own the property. The person in question has also placed a structure in the water to hold jet-skis, there were no permits obtained for this either. This incident has been reported to the DNR, the Road Commission and the township attorney has sent a letter to the party that had the steps built. The Township is aware of this situation and will continue to monitor it.

R. Wells with support from S. Sable moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Vote Taken – Motion Carried. Our next meeting will be July 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Patricia D. Humphrey
Clerk