

**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 13th of May, 2021

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.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular board meeting minutes from April 8, 2021. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, was present to give his update on County business. Highlights included: They have been still working on the issues with the I.T. Department - They have decided that they will hire an I.T. tech through Kelly Services to help catch them up - They will reevaluate it in 6 months whether they need a 3rd person. They have sold 8 Sheriff Department vehicles. They are looking at fixing doors and windows with the Federal dollars they will receive.

Geri Shaw asked whether all special assessments go in the winter as it is a bad time of the year with higher utility bills, etc. Commissioner Majewski noted that that is when the people asked for them to go on to the taxes to get their money before spending starts.

Sheyla Young asked about the Gypsy Moth and noting that Freeman Township wasn't getting any spraying in the Township this year. She asked whether we could get out of paying for it. Commissioner Majewski said there was a lot of infestation and they wanted to catch the biggest areas first (about 20,000 acres).

Robert Eckardt asked whether all the money was used for spraying. Commissioner Majewski noted the money is only used for prevention (spraying, mapping and counters).

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve Early Checks #15661-15664 and regular check numbers 15665-15683. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed the recycle bin and noted that last summer it got out of hand and the Board had talked about getting rid of it during the summer months. Instead, we have thought about having American Waste bring an extra bin in which would cost \$225/month. It would be

left there until we make the call. This would **ONLY** be the months of June, July and August, and would be on the same weekend as the free bin.

Motion by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve bringing in an extra recycle bin for the months of June, July, and August **ONLY**. Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Barnett, Sable, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

Next Supervisor Housler spoke about the Maintenance Agreement with the County to provide tax bills and assessment notices. He noted we were going with Option #3 with add-ons. Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve the maintenance agreement with the County with option #3 and add-ons noted. Ayes 5 (Housler, Lackie, Barnett, Sable, Lightfoot), Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler noted the vacancy on the Planning Commission due to the passing of John Phillips. He noted he had received 3 applications and is recommending Sheyla Young to the Planning Commission Board. Motion by Clerk Lightfoot, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to appoint Sheyla Young on the Planning Commission. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler noted for informational purposes that he is working with Lake of the Pines for establishing a special assessment district for lake weed control. They have started the process and sent their petition to the Attorney. She has replied with comments and is a work in progress. They are getting petition ready so they can circulate the petitions.

Supervisor Housler discussed the cemetery and noted there is lots of work to be done. We have a pending shortage of cremation plots and need to do something before we run out. He asked Lapham to make a proposal on adding one more line by the current line of cremation plots. The proposal for surveying, measuring, preparing plan and setting stakes is between \$2800 & \$3000. The next step will be cleaning up the new area and we may use Federal funds for that if allowable. Motion by Supervisor Housler , seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the proposal from Lapham. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

Supervisor Housler noted that we will be receiving some funds from the Federal Government and handed out guidelines for using the COVID State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. He asked the Board to take a look at it to see how we can use the money.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckard: No report – No meeting this month.

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: 4 Zoning Permits. (Shed on Pinecroft has no permit). 4 Blight – one is hiding everything from road, one owner is in jail and don't know person living there, one with unlicensed vehicle and can't tell because backed in, one issued citation for inoperable vehicle and non-licensed.

Supervisor Housler noted that the Township is still dealing with the Zelinski case. He is running a landscape business out of his home. He was cited last Fall. Court find him and gave us

attorney fees. He is still continuing his activities. We have photos and have 5 items to bring to court. Will be going to circuit court to have him be in contempt of court.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Vicki Brauner asked when Pinehurst paving would be. Supervisor Housler will call the Road Commission and see if they have a date. Donald Mann asked who the contractor is. Supervisor Housler noted it is Fahrner Asphalt. Donald Kowalske asked if Ashard Road (by the old dump) is off the table and Supervisor Housler noted yes. Donald Mann asked when the limestone is going to get done. Supervisor Housler noted he wasn't sure but the deadline was August.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting.
TIME: 7:35 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Julie Lightfoot, Township Clerk