

**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 14th of October, 2021

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Clerk LaFave, 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.

Before the formal start of the meeting Supervisor Housler announced that this was Clerk Lightfoot's last day and introduced the new Clerk LaFave.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular board meeting minutes from September 09, 2021. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve the special board meeting from September 15, 2021. Ayes 5, Nays 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner was present and gave the following updates: Clare County approved the purchase of two vehicles for Senior Services. They also approved the renewal of the Medical Examiner's contract. They balanced their budget with the help of the ARPA money, and are now approximately \$20,000 in the black.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve early checks 15753-15755 and regular check numbers 15756-15771. Ayes 5, Nays 0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the poverty exemption. We have complied with the new policy and procedures passed by the State late last year. The Board of Review passed the changes in their August meeting and are ready to proceed. We have received a letter from the State stating they have approved our plan that was submitted.

Supervisor Housler stated we have received pricing and brining dates from Michigan Chloride Sales. The price is the same as last year and we will receive three applications, 05/16/2022, 06/29/2022 and 08/17/2022 are the potential dates.

Supervisor Housler stated in the change over of our officials we need to designate the accepted signatures for our bank account. They will now be Treasurer Lackie, Clerk LaFave, Deputy Treasurer Sable.

Motion was made by Supervisor Housler that we accept these officers as signers. Seconded by Trustee Barnett. Request for a roll call vote. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Upon the naming of a Deputy Clerk that person would also be included but will need to be voted on in a future meeting.

Supervisor Housler noted Freeman Township like all municipalities must appoint a F.O.I. A. officer. Motion made by Trustee Sable to appoint Clerk LaFave as the F.O.I.A. officer, seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Supervisor Housler updated on CLFRF (Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds). After our first application was rejected, we re-submitted and it was accepted. We should receive our first installment in approximately 30 days and one year later our second installment. It is not clear what it can be spent on, but we have until 2024 to spend it and will exercise caution as there is a narrow use of funds.

Supervisor Housler led discussion on the next board meeting falling on Veterans Day. There were no concerns so the next meeting will be on November 11th 2021

CLERK'S COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt: Last meeting officers were voted. Have since had a resignation and have an opening on the board. The next meeting will be in March 2022

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan:

10-25-2021 will be the next hearing for 4411 Ridgeway Trail. Site has not improved, pictures were taken

There were three permits last month.

620 South Cook is being sold, new owner is cleaning up the property

11741 Brown Road continues to have unlicensed vehicles will continue to watch

2834 Ashcroft is looking better, and they are not stripping cars anymore.

Mr. Logan stated he issued a ticket and warning on Ashard Rd. It has been sitting in the court for four months. He talked to the clerk and she said they are not taking up those cases at this time.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Linda McCaffery of Cedar Rd complained of neighbor playing loud recordings of dying and distressed animals followed by recording of coyotes. Law enforcement has been notified.

Kristen Weatherhead reported the same complaint about this neighbor and other threats and harassments. Further information will be provided to Supervisor Housler and Harold Logan to look into.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting.
TIME: 7:27 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk