

**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 11<sup>th</sup> of November, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve the regular board meeting minutes from October 11, 2021. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, was present but had nothing to add at this time

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve regular check numbers 15773-15786 and a late check issued prior to meeting 15787 for mower repair. Check 15772 was voided. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Supervisor Housler discussed the Clare County Apportionment Commission plan. Maps of the new apportionment were included with the agenda. The purpose of the apportionment is to balance population of each district to within 11% difference. He expressed his concern and unhappiness with the plan and how it was implemented by the County Commission. This will add approximately \$40,000 to the County budget and add two new Commissioner seats, while the County population has not increased. Dale Majewski will no longer be our County Commissioner; the new Commissioner will announce to run by April 2022. Supervisor Housler stated that the Commission committed several violations of the Open Meeting Act by not posting meetings and also a violation of F.O.I.A. They met again on Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> to revote in order to meet that meeting requirement. The meeting dates and times were not posted on the County website and there is evidence that the County backdated and changed the meeting dates.

Supervisor Housler, with support from the public in attendance asked for a motion for the Freeman Township Board to send a letter signed by the board members to the Clare County Apportionment Commission expressing our opposition of not only the apportionment but the way they conducted the process. Motion made by Trustee Sable, supported by Trustee Barnett. Roll Call Vote taken. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Supervisor Housler asked for a Resolution to approve additional signatures to all our Bank Accounts. Adding Sandra Sable Deputy Treasurer and Carol Barnett Deputy Clerk. Motion made by Treasurer Lackie, supported by Clerk LaFave. Roll Call vote was taken. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the Freeman Township road projects. Pinehurst is complete. Tahoe has the millings down, but is not hard surfaced. Projecting Tahoe to be completed and Shadowbrook to be started in spring of 2022. Clare County Road Commission will update the estimates early 2022, if possible, to do another road if funds allow, and milling supply lasts.

Supervisor Housler reminded the board and public that at the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have a representative from the Gypsy Moth project here.

### **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning – Robert Eckardt: Absent

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan

4411 Ridgeway Trail- our attorney suggested we drop charges, as case is not moving forward. However, a neighbor of said property is involved, and some of the blight is being cleaned up.

There was a question about trailers on Patsy Place. They are being used on weekends only and is not a residence.

9836 West Ashard- citation is in default, a second citation will be issued

620 Cook- citation dropped, it is cleaned up

There was 1 zoning permit this month

### **COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS**

Don Kowalski, Ridgeway Trail. Expressed his concern for the blight at 4411 Ridgeway Trail. He was assured by Harold Logan and Supervisor Housler that we are still moving forward with the blight citation.

Linda McCaffrey, Cedar Rd., stated that her neighbor has put up a swastika sign and also erecting a fence. Harold Logan said he will stop by and take a look at it

A taxpayer asked if we had received our ARPA money? Supervisor Housler stated we had, just a few days ago, approximately \$60,000. We still do not have clear information on what it can be spent on, and will continue to look for guidance.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting.  
**TIME: 7:43 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk