

**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 January, 2022

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 November 11,2021 and December 09, 2021. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, was present) to give his update on County business. Freeman, Garfield and Redding Townships will now be in County District 1 and will elect a new Commissioner this November to take that office January 2023. The terms for Commissioner have also changed from a 2 year term to a 4 year term starting with the 2024 election.

Many Departments within the County have made requests for the remaining ARPA money, District Court wanting to add more staff, Sherriff Department wanting to replace an HVAC unit. The Sherriff Department has also indicated that they will be asking for a mileage for public safety and road patrol and wants to get it on the ballot this year. Supervisor Housler asked if there has been any discussion about an increased mileage for general operating at the County Board not specific to Sheriff Department public safety and let the elected people decide where the money is to be allocated? Commissioner Majewski said that he can bring that up and may be an option for better oversight. Lincoln and Hayes Township already have a milage for road patrol, so he will look at if they will be excluded from a specific public safety mileage.

Geri Shaw asked Commissioner Majewski if he knew what the land outside of Farwell was being cleared for? He replied that he sits on the Farwell Industrial Board and was going to ask, but their meeting was canceled last week. He will try to find out.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve early checks 015799-015804 and regular check numbers 015805-015817. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed the proposed dates for the Planning Commission. They will be at 10:00am on the first Monday of the Month. April 4, June 6, August 1, and October 3, 2022. Motion was made by Clerk LaFave to accept these dates, seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Ayes – 5, Nays- 0

Supervisor Housler proposed the appointment of Rick Sieg for another term on the Planning Commission. Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0
There is another vacancy on the Planning Commission, and we are accepting applications.
Supervisor Housler wanted to update the public that a final ruling from the Federal Treasury on the Covid funding has been issued, the ruling is 437 pages. He is working his way through it, and it will be in effect on April 1, 2022. The new rules have loosened for smaller governing bodies like ours. Though we will still proceed with caution. We anticipate some meetings and resources from MTA and other associations. He would like the Board to be thinking of possible projects that would be in the best interest of our township.
Supervisor Housler informed the public that the Board of Review will be going to a State required training on February 8, 2022 in Mt. Pleasant

CLERK'S COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt: nothing to report

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: We had 2 permits last month, but many calls are coming in for information about construction. He stated he is not issuing citations for Blight at this time as the Court is not hearing those cases. He did however send two properties second notices, and one is looking better.

Don Kowalske asked about the outcome on the Zelinski case, and Mr. Logan stated that the judge dismissed the case, but Mr Zelinski's neighbor has influenced him to clean up his property and it is looking a little better.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Adjourn: Motion by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Sable to adjourn the regular meeting.

TIME: 7:27 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

