

**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 10th of February, 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 January 13, 2021 Ayes 5, Nays 0.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner, was present to give his update on County business. Dale reported that Melissa Townsend, who ran the Gypsy Moth program for Clare County has resigned and Tony Mays will be new district coordinator.

The Clare County Sherriff still intends to pursue a mileage increase of 2-3 mils for road patrol and or for full operating budget, may also include potential salary increase for the Sherriff and Under Sherriff.

Clare County has a little less than \$800,000 left in their ARPA money, Commissioner Majewski has suggested ARPA money could be used for increasing road patrol instead of a tax increase. Supervisor Housler expressed interest in being on the committee to look into that.

Commissioner Majewski is running for District 2 in November.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve early checks 016100 and regular check numbers 016101-016113. Ayes 5, Nays 0.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler discussed the Fund Transfer of \$97,300 from retained earnings into the road fund to pay for last year and this year's road improvement projects. Motion made by Treasurer Lackie to approve this transfer, seconded by Trustee Sable. Roll call vote taken. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

Supervisor Housler made a motion that 5 parcels be deleted form the Lake Tahoe Special Assessment District, SAD. Over the years, these vacant lots have been assessed in error.

David Marzec- Parcel ID# 009-420-075-00

Kenneth Vandrick – Parcel ID# 009-021-300-06 and 009-021-300-08

Laurie Eads (Bristol Bugle Printing) – Parcel ID# 009-380-007-01

Douglas Kilbourn – Parcel ID# 009-380-001-00

The Lake Tahoe Special Assessment District will rebate funds to the above for the excess monies collected. Motion seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Roll call vote taken Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

The date for the Public Inspection of 2022-2023 Freeman Township Budget is set for February 17th. The Budget will be in the Township Hall for public inspection, comments and suggestions.

Motion was made by Clerk LaFave and seconded by Trustee Barnett to set the 2022-2023 Budget Public Hearing for March 10, 2022 at 7pm, prior to the Board Meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays-0

Motion was made by Treasurer Lackie and seconded by Trustee Sable to accept the following resolution-

This resolution is to clarify our understanding of the Freeman Township policy since implementing our MERS 401A on July 1, 2019.

Freeman Township pays annually both employer and employee contributions for the policy renewing on April 1st- March 31st. It was understood by the Board and the MERS Rep, that should a Board member leave office prior to the renewal that both the employer and employee portion will be paid based on months employed and the remaining months to the person filling the position.

12 months divided by employer and employee contribution equals the monthly amount earned and to be retained by employee

Amount remaining in the account will transfer to the new employed person

The above system was implemented and administered by the Township following the plan institution to the present.

Roll call vote taken. Ayes – 5, Nays- 0.

Motion was made by Trustee Barnett and seconded by Trustee Sable to accept and approve the three proposed road projects for 2022, Shadowbrook Drive for \$36,116,18, Monroe/Grass Lake for \$27,493.05 and Ashard Road for \$50,122.70. All three are asphalt millings construction and for this upcoming season.

Ayes-5 Nays 0

The Clare County Road Commission will be represented at our March 10, 2022 meeting for discussion of these projects.

Supervisor Housler suggested the pine trees be removed and replaced from the cemetery and the fence be replaced with a more decorative fence. We are gathering information and cost for this project.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt: absent

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: He has been issuing letters concerning blight but will hold off on citations until things free up at the county courts and they start considering blight cases again, probably in the spring.

Harold has fielded many calls about zoning information and expects a busy spring and summer.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Dale Majewski asked about an advertisement he heard on the radio for a Golf Simulator two miles west of Lake George. Both Harold Logan and Supervisor Housler are aware of this and it is in Freeman Township. They will be keeping an eye on it and the owner, there are certain restrictions on commercial business in the Township and in Lake of the Pines.

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

TIME: 7:45p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

