

**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 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2022**

Present Board Members: 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 except Supervisor Housler, excused. Trustee Barnett will run meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the 2021- 2022 Budget Adjustment meeting minutes from March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0

Motion made by Trustee Barnett and seconded by Trustee Sable to approve the regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Lori Mott, Clare County Clerk.** Lori recently got married and her last name has changed to Mott, formerly Martin.

Candidates are filing for office, the deadline to be on the ballot in August is Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 4pm. There is at least one person running for County Commissioner for each District, and many have multiple candidates.

Proposals for mileage increases are being filed for townships. Clare County has two right now that will be on the ballot. The City of Clare is the only May election.

Jury trials will resume next week after two years. Jury questionnaires are being mailed out for the 2023 year, these are not a summons to appear, but a questionnaire to be put in the pool for 2023.

Clerk Mott encouraged all to participate in the counties Property Fraud Alert with the Registrar of Deeds office and website, [www.clareco.net](http://www.clareco.net) at no cost to participants.

Clerk Mott opened for questions -

Clerk LaFave asked Clerk Mott if more than one person has filed to run for our, District 1 County Commissioner position? She said only person from Garfield Township has filed as of today.

**Dale Majewski, County Commissioner** – District 4 Commissioner resigned and the Board of Commissioners held a special meeting to appoint Jack Kleinhardt to fill out the remainder of the term.

Transit and Senior Services have filed for renewal of their millage on the ballot, but there may still be a proposed millage for Law Enforcement, they until May 10<sup>th</sup> to file.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve early checks 016130, voided checks 016127 and 016131. Ayes – 4, Nays - 0

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett and seconded by Trustee Sable to approve regular check numbers 016132-016146. Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Trustee Barnett presented the Proposed Brine Dates for 2022, May 25, June 29 and August 16

We have received two bids to replace the roof on the Township Hall and Cemetery Building. One from Integral for \$17,503.00 for metal roofing over existing shingles and did not include a tear off. The other bid was from Superior Metal Roofing with Option #1 over existing shingles, \$10,490.00 for 28 gauge metal and \$10,800.00 for 27 gauge metal. Option #2 includes tear off, removing exhaust fan vent and repairing with OSB and synthetic underlayment installed with 1x4 every 24 inches to screw metal into, \$12,890.00 for 28 gauge metal and \$13,200.00 for 27 gauge metal. Roll call vote taken to approve and except the bid from Superior Metal Roofing, Option #2, pending proof of insurance. Ayes – 4, Nay - 0

We have received a letter from GFI, our curbside garbage company, we have been charged a fuel surcharge in the amount of \$.24 per resident x # of residents, which equals approximately \$237.00 per month extra. We are not changing the assessment at this time, but just giving notice that this maybe a possibility, unless fuel prices come down.

## **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

I have filed to be on the ballot and run for the remaining two years for the office of Freeman Township Clerk

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning – Robert Eckardt: absent

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: We have 9 properties that are being monitored. 2836 Ashard has had a warning, a citation, and finally a bench warrant. He has agreed to pay \$20 a month towards his \$400 fine. If not improved the next step could be a \$500 fine.

2760 Twin Lakes, abandoned. Owner now lives in Arkansas, will be checking to see if it will be up for sale for back taxes.

Please contact Harold Logan if you have property you want him to check on for blight.

## **COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS**

Sheyla Young asked about the road construction projects that were in the newspaper, as there was some confusion. The ones listed were from last year.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Sable to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes – 4, Nay - 0

**TIME: 7:22 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

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