

# 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 May, 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 Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve the regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

#### **Dale Majewski, County Commissioner –**

The Clare County Administrator took another position with a different county, with her recommendation Lori Phelps, formally with Senior Services, was contracted to be the new Clare County Administrator starting June 1, 2022

Transit and Senior Services have filed for renewal of their millage on the ballot in August

#### **Toni Maize, Clare County Conservation District-**

The egg masses for the Gypsy Moth or Spogy Moth have hatched, so be on the look-out for the caterpillars. Clare County is spraying 24,256 acres at a cost of \$1,084,485. Freeman Township will have 2,267 acres sprayed. Maps of the spray areas were provided and are available at the Township Hall. Spraying is scheduled to begin May 23-June 6. If your property is posted or gated, there are stickers at the Township Hall to place on your property, so that if you are not home it allows the egg mass counters know it is okay to enter your property to count the masses. Otherwise your property will not be included in the count.

#### **Dave Bondie- Supervisor, Clare County Road Commission**

Supervisor Bondie introduced Greg Hilyard, Road Maintenance Forman who has been working on the current projects in Freeman Township.

Shadowbrook Drive has recently had the millings applied to it and been graded and rolled. The public in attendance commented on the wonderful job that was done to blend the driveways with the road.

Monroe and Grass Lake are almost complete except for a few driveways.

Ashard Rd. between Lake Station and M-115 is the next project slated to get millings, but a plugged drain causing water to flow over the road will need to be addressed first. They are working with the owners of a connecting dam and MDOT about the drain, and plan to start work on the road before the end of the month.

Supervisor Bondie explained that Clare County only has 4 road graders for the entire county and has to use the truck-graders for some of the work and they do not grade as well because the blades are not the carbide.

The public was encouraged to go to clareco.net and check out the Road Commission page for information about road projects in the county.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve early checks 016147 – 016149, and regular checks 016150-016164. Ayes – 5, Nays - 0

### **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Clerk LaFave made a motion to approve a contract to include option #4 with Clare County Equalization Department for tax services provided from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, seconded by Trustee Sable. Roll call vote taken, Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the ARPA funds, stated that we have submitted our report and it was accepted. We should be receiving the second portion of the funds later this year. We have used a portion of the current funds for a down payment to have a new roof put on the Township Hall, which should be done by mid June. We will be looking at other projects for the remaining funds, we have to identify projects by 2024 and they need to be completed by 2026

Supervisor Housler commented on the good job done by the Road Commission for Monroe and Shadowbrook, and reminded us that Pinehurst was an experiment last year and the commission learned from it and applied to the new projects, as to temperature and using rollers. It is not a paved road, but is hard surface and the dust is under control and survived the winter.

Our limestone and gravel roads will be brined before Memorial Day weekend.

Supervisor Housler will be writing a letter supporting Commissioner Dale Majewski in his bid for election for County District 2 Commissioner. Not only voicing his support but listing the ways Commissioner Majewski has kept our board and public informed on the actions and information at the county level. He has been to almost every Freeman Township meeting for 10 years and shared the information even when it wasn't good news.

### **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Clerk LaFave presented to the board a letter expressing appreciation to the City of Clare Clerk Diane Lyon for allowing her to participate in their recent election process. Supervisor Housler made a motion to accept the letter as read and signed by the board, seconded by Trustee Barnett Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

Clerk LaFave announced that we need Election Inspectors for our 2022 season, especially Democrats. She has reached out to the Clare County Democrat Party and let the Clare County Clerk know we have a shortage. If interested in becoming an Election Inspector please contact her

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning – Robert Eckardt: absent

Zoning & Blight – absent

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

Don Kowalske asked who is running for County Commissioner for District 1, Marlene Housler stood and introduced herself as a candidate for the office, Commissioner Majewski voiced his support for her.

A question was asked about when the cemetery improvements would be started. Supervisor Housler stated the damaged fence would be coming out next week. The tree stumps have been ground and workers will be mowing and raking next week as well.

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

**TIME: 7:27 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

