

**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 09th of June, 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 minutes from the May 12, 2022 Board Meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dale Majewski, County Commissioner –

The Clare County Board of Commissioners approved spending some of the ARPA funds for the Sherriff Department parking lot and HVAC system and software upgrade for the Clerks office. Also approved funds to improve the County Airport runway and pilot's lounge. The Commissioners signed a year contract with an internet technology company to help the County with IT issues.

Commissioner Majewski asked the people present how they think the Gypsy Moth issue is affecting their property this year and the consensus was that it is much improved compared to last year's infestation

Duane Rodgers, Clare County Road Commission

Mr. Rodgers gave an impressive presentation of the work the Commission has done over the last year. Including culvert projects, they constructed themselves at their shop and delivered to the job site in order to not only save money but have the work completed and the road open sooner.

He show pictures and gave information on bridge projects within the county, one which will be featured in a national construction magazine. They have worked with the University of Michigan on a new construction material to surface bridges that will make them last longer and be more weather resistant.

The county has completed all the planned road work in Freeman Township with asphalt millings on Shadowbrook, Ashard and Monroe/Grass Lake.

The County has 5 road graders, 4 are on the road with full time operators, they purchased two new pieces of equipment called a sod mulcher to go on the front of a grader that is used on gravel roads to reclaim the gravel that gets pushed to the side of the road and reforms the crown of the road for better water drainage. They plan to use this on at least 5-10 miles of gravel roads in each township.

They have been actively seeking grants for new, inventive road improvements.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve regular checks 016165 - 016179. Ayes – 4, Nays - 0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

1. Supervisor Housler asked for a motion and vote to approve the Audit Contract from S&K, PC
Motion made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Roll Call Vote taken Ayes- 5
Nays – 0
2. Motion Made by Treasurer Lackie and seconded by Clerk LaFave to reduce the Fire mileage
From 1.22 to 1.00. Roll call vote – Ayes- 5, Nays- 0
3. Reminder June 29th is the next road brining for dust control
4. Supervisor Housler made a motion to accept a bid from I-Deal Asphalt to re-seal and re-paint
lines on the Township Hall parking lot, seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Ayes-5 Nays-0
5. Supervisor Housler informed that the second round of ARPA funding will be in next 30 days
6. As a reminder we will have a 2nd Recycle Bin in the Township parking lot in the months of June,
July and August

Clerks Comments

Clerk LaFave stated she has 7 election inspectors and they have all been signed up for training.

Committee Reports

Planning – Robert Eckardt: absent

Zoning and Blight – Harold Logan: absent.

Comments/Concerns from Citizens

Curtis Schaub introduced himself to the Board and public and announced he is running for County Commissioner in District 1 in August.

Lori Mott, Clare County Clerk/Registrar of Deeds reminded voters that the August Primary Ballot to vote only one side of the ballot either Democrat or Republican, you cannot split your ballot.

Clare County just sent out 5000 Jury Questionnaires for 2023 year. She also said that her office is looking to hiring a Deputy Clerk

Clerk Mott talked about election security and the importance of keeping election equipment under lock and key.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes-5, Nays-0 **TIME: 7:57 p.m.**

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk