

**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 11th of August, 2022

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Treasurer Lackie, Clerk LaFave
Trustee Barnett & Trustee 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 Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2022 Board Meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Bill Simpson Clare County Road Commissioner –

Mr. Simpson gave an update on the ongoing road improvements in Freeman Township and Clare County. Most of the planned project are completed or in the final stages. All projects in Freeman Township are complete.

Clare Co. Road Commission with U of M submitted the Mostetler Road bridge project to the Federal Highway Transportation Safety Board. If selected they will be demonstrating the process used in Washington D.C.

Clare County Road Commission is applying for any funds available to improve our roads through grants, ARPA money, Rural Task Force, gas tax reimbursement.

There is movement on a ruling to make County Road Commissioners a non-partisan position and to assign Commissioners to districts like the County Commissioners.

Michigan Township Association of Clare County will be meeting every other month on the first Tuesday at 6:30pm. The next meeting is October 4th, 2022

Mr. Simpson opened the floor to question-

Sheyla Young asked about the incomplete milling on Monroe and Grass Lake Ave. He pointed her to the Clare County Road Commission Website to report road problems, trees down and other road problems, as he is not allowed to get involved with the day to day operation of road maintenance. You can download pictures as well. In regards to the incomplete millings at that intersection Supervisor Housler informed that the Road Commission was expecting another batch of millings to be delivered for that repair but was delayed. The work should be done this coming week.

Brenda Blain asked Mr. Simpson if there was any plans for improvement on the primary roads, specifically Monroe and Strawberry. Mr. Simpson stated that road paving is \$1 million a mile and millings are in short supply, so any improvement on primary roads is a matter of funds

Toni Maize Clare County Conservation District

Ms. Maize reported that she has not received any complaint calls about the Gypsy caterpillars after the spraying, so she drove around and talked to people mowing lawns and walking their dogs. And only heard positive feedback. She came here tonight to see if there was any

complaints or comments. Many were happy to not see many caterpillars and not see tree defoliation like last year. She said the Gypsy Moth Caterpillar Counters will start on August 23rd. She reported that Garfield Township and Eight Point Lake had a significant damage this year from the caterpillars, so chances are that is where the spraying next year will be concentrated. Ms. Maize also informed us that there will be a public hearing about the opt out option and set backs for spraying at the County Courthouse on August 17th at 10am in the Board of Commissioners Room.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve early check 016202 and regular checks 016203-016216. Ayes – 5, Nays - 0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler updated the meeting with the plans for the cemetery improvements. He has met with the Sexton to discuss them and will have estimates for the driveway and turf soon. We have received an estimate from Hogger's Custom Sign and Design for a new sign. They will send us a design for approval before ordering.

We have had 12 zoning permits this year and they have been taken care of. We anticipate that Harold Logan will be returning to work soon and taking that task back.

Supervisor Housler again highlighted to meeting on the 17th at 10am for the Gypsy moth opt out and set back option. It will be at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner's room.

We have received a renewal of Memorandum of Understanding for Temporary Public Shelter.

A motion to sign this non-expiring agreement with the Clare County Emergency Management was made by Trustee Sable and supported by Clerk LaFave. Roll call vote taken. Ayes-5 Nays-0

CLERK'S COMMENTS

We were given Emergency Weather Radios by Jerry Becker from the Clare County Office of Emergency Management for residents of Freeman Township. They are on the back table.

If needed, and are available we will get more from them.

Clerk LaFave would also like to thank the Election workers for a successful election and we are getting ready for November

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt: absent

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan: absent

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Marlene Housler thanked everyone who voted for her in the Primary Election, she won.

Shaun Wiseman asked how the Township decides what roads get repaired. Mr. Simpson replied that every year they ride around with the Township Supervisor and look at problem roads, high traffic areas and roads that are hard to maintain and that goes into the decision making. He also asked about the procedure of turning in a Blight Complaint. Supervisor Housler replied to call Harold Logan, he investigates and then reports at Township meeting what if any actions taken.

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

TIME: 7:58 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk