

**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 08th of December, 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 the regular Board Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2022. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

Guest Speakers

Dale Majewski- Clare County Board of Commissioners. The board approved the expenditures for the month. The Commissioner’s meeting room is almost complete. January 1, 2023 9 new commissioners will be welcomed.

After 10 years of representing Freeman Township on the Board of Commissioners this will be his last meeting to report here, due to re-districting. Marlene Housler will be taking over as of January 2023. Supervisor Housler thanked Dale for his years of service and for keeping our township informed.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve regular checks 0161269-016281. Ayes – 5, Nays - 0

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler made a motion to re-appoint the Board of Review members, Geri Shaw, Bob Eckardt, Vicki Brauner and Sheyla Young as required by the State every two years. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Lackie. Roll call vote taken. Ayes-5 Nays-0

Our court date is Wednesday December 14th, 2022 at 2:00pm for the blight issue on Shadowbrook Drive. We would appreciate attendance at the hearing to show our concern and support for compliance with our ordinances. The defendant at this hearing is the property owner of record. We do have a hearing scheduled for January 11th, 2023 at 1:30 and 2:00pm for the two individuals who are occupying the property.

Concerning the 2023 Road Projects Supervisor Housler suggested we invite the County Road Commission in to go over options and costs.

The County Road Commission has a new right-of-way clearing machine and are taking requests for it’s use, at a cost of \$2000 per mile. Supervisor Housler asked if there was any areas in our township where this would be useful. Treasurer Lackie suggested the curve on Grass Lake

where it meets Ashard, as it is very hard to see around the curve, others showed support for that area. We will call to make arrangements.

The list for suggested new streetlight locations are –

Ashard at Lake Station, Ashard at Strawberry, Shadowbrook at Hemlock, Monroe at Grass Lake, Monroe at Cook, Ashard at Ashcroft, Ashard at Pinehurst, Spring St at Norway, Lake Station at Adams and Cedar at Garfield. Motion was made by Trustee Sable and seconded by Clerk LaFave to move forward with these location and meet with Consumers to go over options for lighting. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

Board members were given a copy of the Proposed Planning Commission Ordinance Amendments to read and review for the January 2023 meeting.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk LaFave noted the 2023 Board Meeting Dates. They will be as before on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. Dates are posted on our website and on the message board at the hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt: no report

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Don Kowolski asked what formula was used to come up with the assessment amount for the lake level special assessment. Supervisor Housler suggested we get someone from the Drain Commission to explain.

Sheyla Young asked if the township was aware of a blight situation on Monroe and another property with people living in a shed. Supervisor Housler stated he was aware and will look at them again.

Don Mann asked who the judge would be at our hearing on the 14th. Supervisor Housler stated it would be Judge Farrell.

Brenda Blain asked if Freeman Township would be hosting a Christmas Party for the residents. Clerk LaFave responded, not this year, but perhaps we could form a volunteer group to do something next year.

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes – 5, Nay – 0

TIME: 7:29 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

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