

**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 12th of January, 2023

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Clerk LaFave, Treasurer Lackie, Trustee Barnett & Trustee Sable

TIME: 7:00 p.m. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call was taken, Trustee Barnett absent, excused, all other members present

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the minutes from the December 8th 2022 Board Meeting. Ayes- 4 Nays- 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marlene Housler- Clare County Commissioner- This is the first meeting as Commissioner she has attended. The first County Commissioner Meeting is not until next week, so there will be more to report next month. Commissioner Housler will be representing District 1 for Clare County which includes Freeman, Redding and Garfield Townships.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Supervisor Housler to approve Early Check 016282 and regular checks 016283 - 016296. Ayes – 4, Nays - 0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler asked a motion to add Property ID# 009-340-140-10 to the Garbage Special Assessment roll. This was a property split, they already have a receptacle and willing to pay for this year, but need to be added to the roll for next year. Motion made by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Sable. Ayes 4 Nays- 0

The next item on the agenda was discussion of 2023 road projects and the possibility of extending the millage that will expire in 2025. Since the millings are not available we got an idea from the county road commission on the cost of per mile for hard surface materials, Chip and Seal being approximately \$70,000 per mile and Black Top Hot Mix \$120,000 per mile. The board discussed putting chip and seal over the roads that have the millings on them to preserve and increase longevity. The board consensus was to use chip and seal, in order to get more miles done this year.

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the blight issue on Shadowbrook Dr. and the hearing that was on Wednesday January 11th. The Judge gave Marc Davis 60 days to pay the fine and bring the property into compliance with the township ordinances. If not cleaned up in 60 days, Freeman Township has the authority to go in and have it cleaned up.

Conrad Blain presented a deed at the end of the hearing that was dated August 15th 2022 but not notarized until January 11th, 2023 and still not filed with Clare County. This presents a wrinkle with the timeline and exactly who will pay the fines, we are waiting for the judge to make a ruling.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk LaFave did a survey of all Clerks in Clare County as to what they pay their election workers and chairpersons. The board was provided with the list to compare and make recommendations for the upcoming budget. Clerk LaFave stressed she would like that budget to include a raise for the election workers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt- No meeting this month , but next meeting will be March. The Planning Commission will be reviewing their Master Plan and Ordinances. This is done every 5 years.

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – absent. Harold has stated recently that he plans to return this spring with physician consent

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Carl Parks, Clare County Drain Commissioner introduced himself and explained the lake levels and issues pertaining to the dams in Freeman Township. He also added that he plans to run for re-election in 2024.

Jody Newman- introduced herself as a Republican Delegate for Freeman Township and invited everyone to the Clare County GOP meeting on the first Thursday of the month at the Doherty Hotel in Clare 7pm. They are also hosting Constitution classes 9am-12 on January 21, February 4,18, March 4, 18. Information will be posted on the bulletin board in the township hall.

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

TIME: 7:50 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

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