

**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

**Special Meeting, Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, 2023**

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

**TIME: 9:00 a.m.** Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call was taken, all members present

**Regular Order of Business**

1. Discussion of Road Projects- based on our last Board Meeting we decided to go with chip and seal. According to the estimates that we got from the County Road Commission, we feel we can do approximately 3 miles. The Board came to a consensus to do Shadowbrook, Lake Tahoe Dr, and Ashard, which would be about 2.6 miles. The biggest unknown, is how Ashard will be in the spring thaw. If we are unable to chip and seal Ashard this year, we could pivot and work on limestone for a few roads not yet treated.

2. Street Lights- Consumers Energy is working on the estimate for the additional street lights. Supervisor Housler requested they work the estimate a few different ways to include different types of lighting. We do not have the estimate back yet.

3. After reviewing the pay scale for our different departments, it was agreed that we should bring the Board of Review pay up to \$90 for a full day and \$45 for a half day. Based on a survey of all Election Inspectors pay in Clare County we decided to increase our Inspectors to \$15 per hour and the Chairperson to \$17 per hour. This will not affect us much this year, as we do not have an election in 2023.

4. Our next discussion was on the A.R.P.A. funds. The work in the cemetery has already begun, and the next development is being cleared. We have someone working on an estimate for surfacing the driveway in the cemetery. The rest of the funds, through much debate, we thought should be spent on needed maintenance in our township hall. Some of the items we thought need attention, re-painting the interior, new flooring ( some of the tiles are lifting), upgrading the toilets in the restrooms to be ADA compliant. We will be in search of a commercial general contractors to get bids.

**COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS**

None

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

**TIME: 10:20am.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

