

**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 09<sup>th</sup> of February, 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, all members present

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Marlene Housler- Clare County Commissioner- The County Road Commission has elected to do 2 meetings per month, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday per month at 8am. The Board of Commissioners meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 9am.

At their first meeting, called Committee of the Whole, which is supposed to make their regular board meeting shorter. They heard from Lori Mott, County Clerk, speak about the Elections and the cost of running the 9 days of early voting required by the passing of Proposal 22-2 last November. She is proposing that the County would run the 9 days of early voting for the townships and the townships would reimburse the county. She would like to hire a person who would be dedicated to handling election tasks only. The first election requiring the 9 days of early voting will be the Presidential Primary in February 2024, so there is not a lot of time to sort this all out. They are still gathering information and will present their final proposal soon.

Commissioner Housler invited all to attend their meeting in the new board room at the Clare County Courthouse.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve Early Check 016297 and regular checks 016298 - 016311. Ayes – 5, Nays - 0

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS**

Clerk LaFave made a motion to make February 21<sup>st</sup> the first day to make the Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 available for public inspection. Seconded by Treasurer Lackie, Ayes-5 Nays-0

A motion was made by Supervisor Housler to make the Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget for March 09, 2023 at 7pm, before the regular meeting. Seconded by Clerk LaFave.

Ayes-5 Nays-0

Motion was made by Trustee Sable and seconded by Treasurer Lackie to refund the owner of property ID# 009-700-095-00, Joyce Martin the amount of the curbside assessment from 2019 to present, \$600, and remove said property from the assessment roll. Roll call vote taken. Ayes- 5 Nays-0

Supervisor Housler asked for a motion to approve the 2023 Federal requirements for Poverty Exemptions. Motion made by Trustee Barnett and Seconded by Trustee Sable. Roll Call Vote taken, Ayes-5 Nays-0

Supervisor Housler asked for a Resolution, pending final financial estimate, our intent is to do chip and seal this year on Shadowbrook Dr, Ashard, Lake Tahoe Dr. as discussed at our Special meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. Motion made by Treasurer Lackie, seconded by Trustee Sable. Ayes- 5 Nays -0

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the Shadowbrook blight situation. He spoke with Conrad Blain this evening before the meeting and asked if he had received the letter from our attorney? He replied yes. Supervisor Housler also asked if he had filed the Deed he presented at our court hearing on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, Mr. Blain stated no not yet. Supervisor Housler reminded him that Tuesday February 14, 2023 is the deadline for the property to be cleaned up and that our paperwork is ready and will be filed on that date. No improvement has been made to the property.

Supervisor Housler wanted to inform all present that at our Special Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> we came to the decision to spend a good portion of our A.R.P.A. funds on much needed maintenance of our township hall. Interior painting, bathrooms, flooring, etc. We will be getting bids for the work.

The Board of Review organization meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Board of Review sessions will be Monday March 13<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm and 6-9pm and Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 9am – noon and 1pm-4pm

### **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning – Robert Eckardt: Next meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan - absent

### **COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS**

Don Mann suggested we look into vinyl plank flooring as an option for the hall.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Treasurer Lackie , seconded by Trustee Sable to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays-0

**TIME: 7:27 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

