

**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 13<sup>th</sup> of April, 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

**REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Trustee Barnett made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from March 09, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Sable. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

Trustee Sable made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes from March 16<sup>th</sup>. 2023. Seconded by Trustee Barnett. Ayes- 5, Nays – 0

Treasurer Lackie made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes from March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Seconded by Trustee Sable. Ayes-5, Nays -0

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Marlene Housler- Clare County Commissioner- The Commissioners have formed an Airport Committee to explore ways to improve the airport in Clare County, and avenues to fundraise for those improvements. It is in need of a new runway.

The Commissioners will also take up the topic of Proposal 22-2 and how the County can assist the townships with the 9 days of early voting in 2024 at their next meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve early checks 016326 and 016327 and regular checks 016328 - 016344. Ayes – 5, Nays - 0

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Supervisor Housler gave the board a hand-out with examples of street light arms and fixtures for street lights from Consumer Energy for information. Most areas are clear where to place the lights for the most impact except the curve on Lake Station to Ashard Road, after discussion it was decided to place in the center of the curve. As we get closer in the process, we will have to provide drawings of where to place the lights.

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the Shadowbrook blight issue and it seems to be a never ending challenge, Marc Davis the property owner asked the court for another extension, the court replied that it was up to the Township. We have made and offered a couple of different proposals to get the owner to leave the property to no avail. They have made some progress, but a long way to go to be in compliance. After talking with the property owner and with board approval we will be placing a dumpster on the property for them to continue to clean up for three weeks. They must show progress daily or we will move in with workers to do the clean up as granted from the court order.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett and seconded by Trustee Sable to allow Treasurer Lackie and Clerk LaFave to issue early checks for supplies and contractors pertaining to the improvement projects approved bids on the Township Hall. Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

Supervisor Housler has had a discussion with Michigan Chloride about treating the crushed asphalt topped roads along with the other dirt and gravel roads to control the dust on those roads. They stated that it would be beneficial and will not harm the asphalt. Our first treatment for dust control will be the week prior to Memorial weekend.

As discussed at previous meetings we were waiting to see how Ashard Road survived the winter and spring thaw as to whether to include it in our plans to chip and seal roads this year. It has held up very well and will be one of the five road to get chip and seal this summer.

**CLERK'S COMMENTS**

none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning – Robert Eckardt: The Planning Commission did not have a meeting this month but will continue to work on the 5 year review of the Master Plan. When that is complete, they will start the 5 year review of Ordinances. The next meeting is May 1, 2023 at 10:00 am and are open to the public.

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – Two citations were issued this month, one for blight and one for someone living in a camper

**COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS**

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

**TIME: 8:00 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

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