

**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 11th of May, 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 Trustee Barnett to approve the minutes from the April 13th 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett and seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the minutes from special meeting on April 23, 2023. Ayes-5 Nays-0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marlene Housler- Clare County Commissioner- The commissioners voted to have Clare County Clerks office handle the nine days of early voting for the state and federal elections in 2024. This will give the townships relief financially and administratively.

The commissioners have also been reviewing the plans to replace the HVAC systems in the Clare County buildings, many of them are 30 years old. They will vote next week.

The maps for the spraying of Gypsy moths this year have been printed. Only 157 acres of Freeman Township will be sprayed, hopefully we are at the end of the cycle.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett , seconded by Trustee Sable to approve Early Check #016345 & #016346. And regular checks #016347 - 016364. Ayes -5, Nays - 0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler shared the contract with the Clare County Equalization that is up for renewal. Motion was made by Clerk LaFave and seconded by Treasurer Lackie to choose option #3 and sign contract. Roll call vote taken. Ayes-5 Nays-0.

Supervisor Housler was given numbers from the Clare County Road Commission just before the meeting tonight to present to the board. There was cost options for asphalt vs chip sealing and fog. As decided at a previous meeting for Shadowbrook Drive, Lake Tahoe Drive and Ashard. After some discussion the board agreed to hold voting until we can get clarification on some of the amounts.

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the Shadowbrook Drive blight issue. We have a court hearing on June 21st, 2023 at 2:00pm. We are asking for the court to require the owners to vacate the property, as we have ordinances requiring well and septic. We are hoping that we will get as much or more people from Lake of the Pines neighborhood to come to court and show their support. The Health Department has served a letter to them with a 10 day deadline to

submit plans for their septic and well and 30 days to start construction on it. So hopefully with both of us working to the same goal we will have success.

The first dust control application will be before Memorial Day weekend. They will not be doing any of the roads with millings on them, the sodium chloride just rolls off instead of soaking in. We aren't sure what next years dust control will be like, there are new environmental regulations being put in place and it may effect how and what we can put on the roads.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Clerk LaFave asked for a motion to approve and sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Clare County for the consolidation of election activities for the nine days prior to all state and federal elections in 2024. Motion to approve and sign agreement made by Treasurer Lackie and seconded by Trustee Barnett. Roll call vote taken. Ayes-5 Nays-0

Clerk LaFave also announced that the office will be closed next week while new flooring is being installed. We will be checking messages, email and mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt: absent

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – There were no zoning permits issued last month. Freeman Township has a court hearing for a person occupying a camper beside a house scheduled for 3002 Ashcroft on June 09, 2023 9:30 am. There has been 5 houses reported for blight on Shadowbrook Drive by a homeowner. He has visited all 5 , 1 fell short of being considered blight but the other 4 have been contacted. Another property on West Ashard has been contacted for blight. Hoping to see improvement soon.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Several people present commented their concerns about blight Zelinsky's property on Ridgeway Trail, blight on Hiltz property on Ashcroft and blight on Green property on Ashcroft. Blight is a main concern for the people present.

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

TIME: 7:27 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk