

**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 08th of June, 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 Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve the minutes from the May 11th 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on May 16th, 2023. Ayes -5, Nays- 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marlene Housler- Clare County Commissioner- Clare County has hired a new Drain Commissioner, William Faber. The Commissioners are also working on the 2024 Budget. The county airport in Harrison has been a topic of much discussion at their meetings, it does not receive state funding and needs improvements in order to do so. Just to repair one runway will be \$10,000-12,000. The Harrison airport does not have a re-fuel option but does have a restaurant. Studies and discussion will continue.

Bill Simpson- Clare County Road Commissioner – The Surrey and Old State road round about is still a go, though getting a later start than planned. Old State from Lily Lake to Jefferson is getting paved a 5 mile stretch of new hard surface. Mowing has started. The Commission is keeping an eye on the gravel mining bills that are working their way through the Michigan legislature, while the need for gravel is important, this bill, as proposed would take away zoning control from the townships and give to a state agency. There will be a meeting in August with EGLE and Road Commissions, to discuss road brining and get clarification on the new law restricting dust control. They are also waiting for clarification on road-kill clean up restrictions, and will continue to just clear the road traffic lanes until then. A representative of the Clare County Road Commission went to Washington D.C. in January to present their new bridge construction to the National Highway Transportation Safety Board and have six bridge replacements planned for this year.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Trustee Barnett to approve Early Check #016365-016371 and regular checks #016372-016385. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler received a record number of complaints about road brining over the three day holiday weekend. He investigated, drove every road he received a complaint about, and contacted the brining company several times. Their explanation was the extreme dryness effected the penetration of the chloride into the roads and EGLE requiring them to stay two feet away from the edge of the road. While the dust control was not optimal there was an improvement, going slow does help, getting some rain will definitely help. We will be having more talks with Michigan Chloride Sales going forward.

The Shadowbrook blight property problem continues. We have a court hearing scheduled for June 21st, 2023 at 2:00pm at the County Courthouse. We are asking the court to uphold our township ordinance requiring sanitary sewage system for occupied property. Supervisor Housler encouraged everyone to attend the hearing.

Clare County has updated and approved the Hazard Mitigation Plan and has sent out to the Townships for approval and adoption. Supervisor Housler made a motion to approve and adopt the plan as written, seconded by Clerk LaFave. Roll call vote taken, Ayes- 5, Nays- 0

Supervisor Housler reminded us that the recycling bins will be here on the third weekend of the month and though June, July and August we will have a second bin delivered after the first one is picked up and will stay until full.

The board would like to thank Don Mann on his help and coordination of the improvement project on our township hall.

We have a copier to donate to anyone or any organization who need it, it works.

CLERK'S COMMENTS

none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt: The Planning Committee did not have a meeting this month. At their last meeting they worked on the 5 year Master Plan and worked on reviewing Ordinances 1-7. Their next meeting will be July 10th at 10am

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – Zoning had 3 permit request submitted, 2 accepted and 1 denied. The zoning permit that was denied, the building is already up and is also a blight issue. At 2495 Twin Lake he has dropped off two copies of the zoning permit application and has not received one back, again the structure is already up, if application is not received by 6-12-23 a citation will be issued, \$350 fine.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to adjourn the regular meeting.
TIME: 7:55 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

