

**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 10th of August, 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 July 13th 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marlene Housler- Clare County Commissioner- Clare County Commissioners approved \$6,500 to repair airport runway.. It was not approved before, but the Road Commission found a company that was willing to donate equipment and labor for the repairs, lowering the cost significantly, it will begin August 22nd

The Michigan legislature is considering a bill that would require every homeowner with a septic tank to have it inspected every 5 years. We are watching this, to see how it will be implemented.

Ken Vandrick- 3879 Lake Tahoe Trail – Purpose to speak tonight is to ask the Freeman Township board to reconsider the Special Assessment District and how it is administered. He then gave a brief history of Lake Tahoe and its Association. Lake Tahoe is a private lake, has a dam and was developed in the 1960's. He is the recent past president of the Association. He expressed his contention with the newly elected board and believes that the property owners, not the board should choose who and how the lake is treated by and if the Assessment should be increased. He would like a separate organization run by the property owners to run the Special Assessment District and make recommendations to the Freeman Township Board.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable to approve Early Check 016407 and regular checks 016408 - 016420. Ayes – 5, Nays - 0

Supervisor Housler ask for board approval for an additional payment to Michigan Chloride Sales for brine, 9500 gallons in May 2023, for the amount of \$1,777.96. Seconded by Clerk LaFave Ayes-5 Nays-0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Planning Commission Recommendations for board consideration

- Enact Ordinance 42 to repeal Ordinance 12, Electric Franchise – Motion made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie – Roll Call Vote taken Ayes- 5, Nays- 0
- Enact Ordinance 43 to repeal Ordinance 17, Transfer Station – Motion made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable- Roll Call Vote taken Ayes-5, Nays-0
- Enact Ordinance 44 to repeal Ordinance 24, Anti-Noise - Motion by Clerk LaFave, seconded by Treasurer Lackie – Roll Call Vote taken, Ayes-5, Nays-0

- Proposed Amendment to Master Plan to amend Compatible uses for Mobile Homes, Parks and Courts – Motion made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Sable – Roll call vote taken, Ayes-5, Nays-0

Supervisor Housler presented a bid from Blain Excavating for driveway improvements for our cemetery in the amount of \$7,700. This includes road gravel and 70 yards of crushed asphalt on top. Leveled and finished to grade. Motion made by Trustee Sable and seconded by Trustee Barnett, with the provision of an October 1st 2023 deadline. Ayes – 5, Nays- 0

Supervisor Housler gave an update on the Shadowbrook blight situation. The occupants are aware of the August 21st deadline to vacate the property and have been moving some things out. Our hopes are that they will move everything off by August 21st, but regardless we will be cleaning up after the deadline and will attach all costs to the property.

Supervisor Housler proposed a rate increase for the curbside garbage service. Service has been in effect since 2019 we have had two increases from GFL, which has been absorbed and now there is a fuel surcharge. A motion was made by Trustee Sable to increase the rate to \$164.75 per year, seconded by Trustee Barnett. Roll call vote taken, Ayes-5, Nay-0

Reminder the last brine application for dust control is scheduled for August 15, 2023

CLERK'S COMMENTS

Tabled request for consideration of bids for shredding service

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – no report- next meeting is September 11, 2023 at 10:00am

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – He has issued 5 zoning permits last month.

He asked if the Board would consider limiting the use of metal storage containers.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

Don Kowalske, 6384 Larch asked if Harold could look at 4411 Ridgeway Trail for blight. Several unlicensed trailers and vehicles. And a shipping container.

Clay Basler, 6264 Cedarhurst asked is the Township has considered curbside recycling?

Supervisor Housler said he will look into it. Another citizen asked about yard waste containers.

Scott Wilsey, Lake Tahoe noted his support for comments made by Ken Vandrick

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

TIME: 7:47 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

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