

**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 12th of October, 2023

Present Board Members: Supervisor Housler, Clerk LaFave, Treasurer Lackie, Trustee Sable

TIME: 7:00 p.m. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call was taken, Trustee Barnett absent, excused, all other members present

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the minutes from the September 12th 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes- 4 Nays- 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marlene Housler- Clare County Commissioner- The BOC passed the 2024 Budget of \$30 million, \$2 million + to the Sheriff Department.

The Michigan House of Representatives will be voting on Bill 5120-5123, this will take control of zoning away from local municipalities, townships and counties in regards to alterative energy, solar farms and wind farms. Our local representative Tom Kunse is voting NO.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Sable, seconded by Supervisor Housler to approve Checks 0164441 - 016456. Ayes – 4, Nays - 0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Housler's first item to discuss is the repeal of Ordinance #1, which is a liquor control ordinance passed in 1959 and is outdated today. Motion made by Clerk LaFave and seconded by Treasurer Lackie to repeal. Roll call vote taken, Ayes- 4, Nays- 0

Next item is the Shadowbrook blight situation and hopefully we are nearing the end, and at the November meeting we can announce mission accomplished. Don Mann is spearheading the clean up and is organizing work crews and timetables. A dumpster is being delivered on Friday the 13th and clean-up to commence next week.

We will be scheduling a Special Meeting very soon, by the first of November, to discuss the 2024 road projects. Date to be announced.

A motion was made by Clerk LaFave and seconded by Treasurer Lackie to add parcel # 009-018-400-03 to our Curbside Special Assessment roll. Ayes- 4, Nay- 0

We have been working with Blain Excavating on the addition to the cemetery, the initial clearing has been done, but now waiting on an estimate to smooth and seed. Timing is a issue, whether to do this fall or early spring. We have to have to have our funds committed by March 31st

CLERK'S COMMENT

Clerk LaFave presented to the board a contract between Clare County and Freeman Township to run the 9 days of Early Voting in 2024 and an Early Voting Plan for Freeman Township for

2024 elections. A motion was made by Treasurer Lackie to approve, seconded by Trustee Sable. Roll call vote taken, Ayes – 4, Nays- 0

Clerk LaFave also commented on the new driveway through the cemetery, thank you Blain Excavating for the great job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – Robert Eckardt: absent

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – 6 Zoning permits issued this month and 2 notices were sent for blight issues.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS

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

TIME: 7:22 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

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LaFave,

Township

Clerk

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