

**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

**Public Hearing for 2024-2025 Budget and  
Regular Meeting, Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024**

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

**TIME: 7:00 p.m.** Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag  
Roll Call was taken, all members present

**Opening of the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget**

Call to order and Roll call taken, all members present

The Budget has been on display at the township hall for inspection since February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our budget in Freeman Township does not change much but in this year and last State share revenue is up slightly, helping us to stay up with inflation. The federal ARPA funds have enabled the township to make needed updates and improvements to our township hall and coming improvements to our cemetery.

Salaries for Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk have remained the same, but a slight reduction for the Trustee position is included in this budget.

Public Comments - none

Hearing declared closed.

**Regular Order of Business**

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Mann to approve the minutes from the February 08, 2024 Board Meeting. Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Marlene Housler- absent

Don Mann gave us an update on newly formed Ambulance Board for Clare County. At their first meeting representatives from MMR and the hospital were there. They are at the beginning of the learning and questioning process and will have more information to share in the future.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

A motion was made by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Mann to approve early check #016516 and regular checks #016517-016533. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS**

Motion was made by Treasurer Lackie and seconded by Clerk LaFave to approve the 2024-2025 Budget as presented. Roll Call vote taken, Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

The board set the date of March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for the Budget Adjustment meeting for the current budget. Motion made by Supervisor Housler and seconded by Treasurer Lackie to set that date for the meeting. Ayes – 5, Nays - 0

Supervisor Housler gave each board member a copy of a proposed code of ethics prepared by the Planning Commission to review and bring ideas and discussion to our next meeting.

A motion was made by Treasurer Lackie and seconded by Clerk LaFave to add property ID #009-019-400-03 to our tax roll for the special garbage assessment. The property owner has paid up front for the remainder of this year and will be added starting December 1, 2024.

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

We have received an application to extend the permit for METRO act right of way for AT&T to June 30, 2028. Our current permit expired June 30, 2024. Motion made by Supervisor Housler to approve the contract and authorize Clerk LaFave to sign said contract, seconded by Trustee Barnett. Roll call vote taken. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

We have another issue that keeps coming up concerning Lake Tahoe Association. There are two groups within the neighborhood. One wanting to dissolve the association and the special assessment district tax collection, and one who want to keep both. There may be litigation coming for the association and possibly the township. If the association ceases to exist we may have to hire someone to manage the special assessment district distributions. If no objections from the board Supervisor Housler would like to have a meeting with our attorney for legal advise

### **CLERK'S COMMENTS**

Clerk LaFave wanted to congratulate all who worked the 2024 Presidential Primary on conducting a successful election. And to remind anyone who is considering running for a seat on the Freeman Township board or any other office in Clare County that the filing deadline to be on the August 6<sup>th</sup> Primary ballot is April 23, 2024.

A motion was made by Clerk LaFave to remove both Deputy Treasurer Sable and Deputy Barnett from our bank accounts at Member First Credit Union and to add new Deputy Clerk Jan Mann to our accounts. Motion was seconded by Trustee Barnett, Roll call vote taken, Ayes – 5, Nays – 0

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning – Robert Eckardt: March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled and is rescheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

Zoning & Blight – Harold Logan – Absent

### **COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS**

none

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

**TIME: 7:32 p.m.**

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Alan Housler, Supervisor

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Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

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