

**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 October, 2024

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

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

Roll Call was taken, all members present, except Trustee Barnett, excused

A motion was made by Trustee Mann, seconded by Treasurer Lackie to approve the minutes from the September 12th, 2024 Board Meeting. Ayes- 4 Nays- 0

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marlene Housler- Clare County Commissioner – Commissioner Housler informed us that the commission has approved a agreement to house prisoners for Grand Traverse County in Clare County Jail from September 2024– March 2025.

There will be decrease in our winter taxes for Spongy Moth, from .9884 per mil to .600 per mil
The Commission declined a request by the Clare County Clerk for a stipend of \$9,000 for her and \$5000 for the Chief Deputy Clerk per election

The agreement with the union has been ratified, changing the health insurance to Priority Health and a 2% raise for union members

The budget has been approved except for a line item funding the Harrison Airport for \$20,000. The county is no longer funding the airport.

The Commission agreed to give a per diem increase to the Board of Canvassers, Jury Board and Election Commission. They went from \$25 per ½ day to \$50 and from \$50 to \$100 for a full day meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Mann , seconded by Supervisor Housler to approve early check #016627 and regular checks #016628-016645, Ayes – 4, Nays - 0

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Motion was made by Treasurer Lackie and supported by Clerk LaFave to add an addition to our Special Assessment District for a garbage can at property ID# 009-690-018-00.

Ayes – 4, Nays – 0

Supervisor Housler made the motion to allow Treasurer Lackie and Clerk LaFave to establish Money Market accounts for Township Funds. Motion supported by Trustee Mann. Roll Call Vote taken Ayes- 4, Nays- 0

Supervisor Housler express his thanks to Don Mann and Bob Eckardt for installing and setting up the cameras. It has saved the Township several thousand dollars. Thank you!

CLERK’S COMMENTS

We are preparing for the November 5th General Election. Early Voting at the Clare County Courthouse in Harrison runs October 26th – November 3rd 8:00am – 4:00pm. Absentee Ballots are now available and Election Day is November 5th, 2024, polls are open 7:00am – 8:00pm Please get out and Vote!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bob Eckardt – Planning Commission – Next meeting will be on November 4th, 2024 at 10:00am. We will be discussing short term rentals, Air B&B’s. Public and feedback welcome.

Doug Johnson – Zoning and Blight – He issued 5 zoning permits this month. One of those was for a new home, we will be welcoming a new resident on Strawberry Ave.

Doug is having some success with blight, the property on White Acre has been purchased by a management company, the lawn has been mowed and as soon as they close are planning to remove some of the jet skis in the yard. The property on Shadowbrook has removed a couple of unlicensed cars and a boat and demolished 5th wheel. Still needs work, but making progress.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM CITIZENS-

Adjourn: Motion by Treasurer Lackie , seconded by Clerk LaFave to adjourn the regular meeting. Ayes -4 Nays - 0

TIME: 7:16 p.m.

Alan Housler, Supervisor

Lacinda LaFave, Township Clerk

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