

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**  
HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
*Established October 19, 1863*  
*"Preserve the Past for the Future"*  
(906) 487-9073

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*Jodi Mikesch, Treasurer*

*Dan Dulong Jr., Trustee*  
*Lawrence Julio, Trustee*

## REGULAR MEETING FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

### May 14, 2018 – Township Office

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Sears, Clerk Kela, Treasurer Mikesch, Trustee Dulong, Trustee Julio

Absent: All present

#### Public Comment

Temporary culvert dug up, road was left unpaved. Needs to be discussed with Road Commission. Approx. ¼ mile of road.

#### Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept as amended made by Treasurer Mikesch; seconded by Trustee Julio. Motion carried

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve with changes by Trustee Julio; seconded by Trustee Dulong. Motion carried

#### Approval of Bill Payment

Motion to approve by Trustee Dulong; seconded by Trustee Julio. Motion carried

#### Correspondence

- UPPCO - Court petitioning letters for rate reductions
- Hannula Agency gave their annual invoice. Roll Call motion to approve. 5 yay, 0 nay. Motion carried
- Houghton County Treasurer gave land to look at - 50508 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Paavola - Trustee Julio/Dulong to take a look at property and will discuss at next month board meeting.

#### Reports

##### Ripley Water Board

- Treasurer Mikesch read the minutes from both April & May meetings.

##### Franklin Quincy Water Authority

- Trustee Dulong read the minutes from the May meeting.

##### Wastewater Operations

Jim Siira reported:

- Average 58,494 gallons per day; largest jump Lake Annie
- Will pump out Paavola, Menard, Arcadian, Ripley soon
- Will change A/C filters in Township Hall building.

##### Quincy-Franklin- Hancock Fire Department

Trustee Dulong reported:

- There have been unattended fires at Boston Pond. Burn ban in effect due to the dryness of the weather.
- Training in Bootjack - 4 guys attending.

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- Grant for cameras at Quincy-Franklin Fire Dept., motion to accept by Treasurer Mikesch, seconded by Trustee Julio. Motion carried
- Chicken BBQ will be on 6/10, tickets available through Trustee Dulong

## Ripley Fire Department

John Laitinen had nothing to report.

## Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Supervisor Sears reported:

- Annual meeting will be in October

## Assessor

Lisa Karrio reported:

- On 6/7, Lisa Karrio will be at the Township Hall updating BS&A Software.
- Budget needs to be checked for funds to cover required inspections to avoid reappraisals, roughly about \$3,820 per year (\$20.00/parcel, 20% of residential=191parcels/year). Will discuss at next meeting.

## Misc

Training for election workers will be on 6/5 at the Calumet Colosseum & 6/6 at Lakeview Manor

## Supervisor

Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- Portage Lake Lift Bridge Planning
  - o Working with Mercy Ambulance to work on getting patients across the lake per the bridge being down, with the Sheriff being back-up to the Coast Guard not being available.
- Torch Lake PAC Group
- Houghton County Road Commission
  - o Watershed meeting to map culverts out.
- MTA - no meetings in the summer.
- Houghton County Commissioners Meeting 5/15/18. County Courthouse
- Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce
- KEDA Board, meeting not until June due to Jeff Ratcliffe being out.
- Conservation District next meeting
  - o Annual tree sale fundraiser
  - o Budget
- US41/M26 Corridor
  - o Work from Lake Annie Rd. towards Calumet

## Clerk

Clerk Kela reported the following:

- Made a motion for reimbursement for out of town training including meals, mileage and lodging. Motion to approve made by Treasurer Mikesch, seconded by trustee Dulong. Motion carried
- Will check with MTA on signature stamp for checks, etc.
- Election Workers - training on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>
- Training for Clerk Kela & Mary Brunet on May 15, 2018 at Lakeview Manor from 1:30 pm until 4pm, Clerk Kela has additional QVF Refresh training on May 25, 2018 from 9 am until 4 pm in Baraga, and on June 26, 2018 and June 27, 2018 in Marquette from 9 am to 4:30 pm each day.

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## Treasurer

Treasurer Mikesch reported the following:

- Savings account was opened up for building maintenance.
- Clerk Kela was switched over to all the bank accounts.
- Audit coming up.

## Roads

Trustee Julio reported the following:

- Helped Mark Johnson at Ripley Falls put half dozen sand bags to keep water in the creek. Something will have to be done this summer (excavated) to keep it from overflowing.
- Roads Committee - Bylaws adopted.
- Talk to DNR about oiling snowmobile trails through Ripley.

## Recreation

Trustee Dulong reported the following:

- Ice rink property drying out. Going to try to get drainage taken care of. Need to try to find property markers to figure out neighboring property lines.
- Grass maintenance will be kept up with. Work on warming shack & plan in place to get furnace hooked up - expected to be ready fall of 2018
- Planning on opening up building to public for coffee etc. on Memorial Day.
- Going to work on getting quotes on coming up with new board for veterans for out front of building.
- Culvert needs to be replaced going out of driveway onto Center Street

## Old Business

- Flea Market Update
  - o Cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Township Flag Contest
  - o Extended a month. Supervisor Sears to send out updated copies of rules and conditions.

## New Business

- Resolution to create Roads Committee, motion accepted by Treasurer Mikesch, seconded by Trustee Julio.  
Motion carried
  - o Trustee Julio is accepting applications for the Roads Committee
- Road Committee Bylaws adopted.
- Flag Day competition rules adopted. Motion to accept made by Treasurer Mikesch, seconded by Trustee Dulong. Motion carried
- Looking into potentially employing a part time employee (Jim Siira's son) to cover Jim Siira's position when he is out of town. Checking with insurance. Jim is out of town June 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

## Public Comment

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Treasurer Mikesch, seconded by Trustee Dulong. Motion carried

Next Township Board Meeting, Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:00pm