

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Established October 19, 1863
"Preserve the Past for the Future"

Glenn Ekdahl, Supervisor
Mary Brunet, Clerk
Judith Counts, Treasurer

Mary Sears, Trustee
Dan Dulong Jr., Trustee

REGULAR MEETING FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

May 9, 2016 - Township Office

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Ekdahl, Clerk Brunet, Treasurer Counts, Trustee Sears

Absent: Trustee Dulong

Public Comments –Elector Dandelet stated she pays \$30.50 for a sewer monthly fee for a property not connected to the sewer. Another house in the area is not paying or connected to the system. So why should they not be paying? Board will look into this situation.

Meeting Minutes

Correction to Minutes: Treasurer stated Quick Books expert worked with Treasurer.

Always Available will use a camera at Mine and Second to look at grinder.

Treasure Counts made a motion; seconded by Trustee Sears to accept the meeting minutes with noted correction. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Treasurer Counts made a motion to pay the bills; second by Trustee Sears. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- City of Hancock requested Township's thoughts, plans or issues for their Master Plan.
- UPPCO – 2015 Cost Recovery of 7,000,000

Reports

Ripley Water Board – Treasurer Counts read the minutes.

Wastewater Operator – Jim Siira

- One Miss Dig request
- Reset manhole on 4th St. in Paavola.
- Re-rod put in manhole; removed from 5th St.
- Inspected manholes in Paavola
- Pumping 43,480 gallons per day.

Fire Departments

O-F-H Fire Dept.

- Accident on M 203
- Grass fire on M 203
- June 5 – Chicken Barbeque
- No outdoor burning – UP wide ban

Ripley Fire Dept. – no report

Brownfield –quiet

Miscellaneous

Township Hall Agreement between Franklin and Quincy was given to Dan Wisti for a draft.

Both Township Boards will look at the Agreement

Clerk

- FOIA material review for Elector Sullivan
- USDA Annual Report completed for water and sewer
- Prepared ballot language for Township Millages for August Ballot
- Attended election training for Clerk and Deputy Clerk
- Received two new applications for election workers
- Trustee Sears is the only candidate who filed for the August primary election.

Treasurer

- Properties off rolls that are not taxed
- Entering Quick Books entries like trainer suggested.
- Requested newsletter material to be included in July tax bills.

Roads

- Reviewed 5 year road plan with Kevin Harju, Ho. Co. Road Comm.
- Reviewed calcium chloride application for roads.
- Went over different roads that could be paved.
- A Slow Children Sign was requested
- Added minutes, agenda to Facebook
- Updated our picture
- 268 friends on Facebook

Recreation - no report

Assessor – Lisa Karrio

- Received deeds from courthouse.
- Database rolled over into 2017.
- The Township reappraisal will start in August.

New Business

Approval of Ballot Language for August Primary Election.

- Resolution 05-09-2016 Precinct #1 Fire Department Millage
- A motion was made by Clerk Brunet to accept Precinct #1 Fire Dept. Millage; second by Treasurer Counts.
 - 4 ayes
 - 0 nays
 - 1 absent
- Resolution 05-09-2016A for Precinct #2 Fire Department Millage.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Sears; second by Treasurer Counts to accept Precinct #2 Fire Dept. Millage.
 - 4 ayes
 - 0 nays
 - 1 absent
- Resolution 05-09-2016B for Precinct #2 Water Dept. Millage

A motion was made by Clerk Brunet; second my Trustee Sears to accept Precinct Water Department Millage.

- 4 ayes
- 0 nays
- 1 absent
- Resolution 05-09-2016C for Fire Apparatus
 - A motion was made by Trustee Sears; second by Treasurer Counts to accept the Fire Apparatus Millage
 - 4 ayes
 - 0 nays
 - 1 absent
- Resolution 05-09-2016D for Township Roads.
 - A motion was made by Treasurer Counts; second by Trustee Sears to accept the Township Road Millage.
 - 4 ayes
 - 0 nays
 - 1 absent
- The Millage Language was adopted on May 9, 2016.

- The five year Recreation Plan has to be reviewed.
 - The Recreation Committee will review the plan and a public meeting will be held for the plan.
- Sewer Department
 - Meters have been requested for pools and garden watering
 - Approximate cost is \$95.00 for a meter
 - Need adapters
 - Escanaba rents out their meters for \$1.00 or \$2.00
 - Houghton charges \$150.00 deposit

Announcements:

Next Meeting June 13, at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Counts; second by Trustee Sears. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Brunet, Clerk