

**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

### July 10, 2017– Township Office

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

#### Public Comment

#### Acceptance of Agenda

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

#### Approval of Minutes

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

#### Approval of Bill Payment

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

#### Correspondence

- Charter
  - o Changing the channel line up

#### Reports

##### Ripley Water Board

Treasurer Mikesch read the minutes which have not been approved but were discussed at last meeting.

##### Franklin Quincy Water Authority

Will have two sets of minutes to read at the next meeting.

##### Wastewater Operations

Jim Siira reported:

- 11 Miss Digs
- 28,760 gallons per day
- Bringing in the truck for undercoating.
- Change the oil in the generators.
- Will be August before Doug at DPW can get the vac truck to our area

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

Trustee Dulong reported:

- 2 calls
  - o 6/21 Petersons Fish Market
  - o 6/26 Petersons Fish Market
- Copper country tournament was held at the end of June in South Range. Took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the float. Took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the dress parade.

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## Ripley Fire Department

No one from Ripley FD was present.

## Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Supervisor Sears reported:

- Set up a meeting for 7/20 @ 6:00pm
- Email sent to members

## Assessor

Lisa Karrio reported the following:

- Getting everything ready for the AMAR recheck on July 12th
- Accurate - will be OK to pay once we pass the AMAR review.
- BOR July 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:00

## Misc

Nothing to report

## Supervisor

Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- Complaints
  - o Junk cars in Pewabic Hollow
  - o Continued issue with 5<sup>th</sup> Street House
- Constable
  - o Supervisor Sears will bring additional information to the next meeting to determine if we want to pursue.
- Portage Lake Lift Bridge Planning Group
  - o Continue tabletop exercise
  - o Focus on medical groups
  - o Worried about sea planes crashing into bridge
- Torch Lake PAC Group
  - o EPA wants to dredge part of Torch Lake
  - o Swimming at camp grounds OK but on the power plant side, no.
  - o PLSW dumping sludge at mason sands, residence upset, stinky and high copper levels
- Houghton County Road Commission Meeting
  - o Update on work in county
  - o Prep work for Pontiac Rd.

## Clerk

Clerk Yeates reported the following:

- A special election will be held August 8<sup>th</sup> for the CCISD. Voting to get 1 Mill for 10 years.
  - o Need one more volunteer for the election. Will have two at each site with Mary B overseeing Ripley and Clerk Yeates Franklin Township office.
- Spring Clean Up cost thus far is \$4,443.55.

## Treasurer

Treasurer Mikesch reported the following:

- Summer tax bills went out on Friday 7/7.

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## Roads

Trustee Julio reported the following:

- Road oiling went well
- N Royce Road will look to add another structure for drainage
- Same for Military Hill but have not got there yet.
- Need to order sign for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

## Recreation

Trustee Dulong reported the following:

- Met with WUPPDR along with Clerk Yeates regarding recreation plan.
- Ice Rink property need to get down there & cut grass.
- Need to do some work on the shack for the winter.

## Old Business

- Veterans Board/Quincy
  - o There will be a Public Hearing on July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 for ideas as to what to do with Veterans Board.
- Pontiac Rd
  - o Preliminary ditch work is being done
  - o Putting mesh under the road so it should last longer
- CaCL on roads
  - o 8,564 gallons put down on the dirt roads in the township
- Roads Committee
  - o Supervisor Sears is gathering information for the by-laws.
  - o Received one application for a Board Member
  - o If we don't get enough members will open up on website & Facebook
  - o Plan is to have the by-laws done by the next meeting

## New Business

- FOIA Resolution
  - o Reviewed package
  - o Motion to approve by Treasurer Mikesch, seconded by Clerk Yeates. Motion Carried.

## Public Comment

Next Township Board Meeting, Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Treasurer Mikesch; seconded by Trustee Julio. Motion carried.