

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

November 14, 2016 - Township Office

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comments

- Q-F-H Fire Dept. – Friends of Firefighters (newly formed women's group) are planning their first event by having Santa Claus at the Fire Hall.
- They plan on having not just community events, but to assist with training, fire calls, fund raisers and fire safety.
- The Fire Dept. gave them \$250 from the bake sale held at Spaghetti dinner.
- They requested a donation from the Township.
- Because the Township is not able to give donations, it was suggested a posting on the Facebook page and in a future newsletter.

Meeting Minutes

Elector Siira noted both pumps were not working at Paavola Lift Sta. not just one pump in October minutes.

Treasurer Counts made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; seconded by Trustee Dulong. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Trustee Dulong made a motion to pay the bills; second by Treasurer Counts. Motion Carried.

Correspondence

- Letter from the Keweenaw National Park Advisory Comm.
- A new Superintendent Wendy Davis is at the Park.
- Quincy Smelter is in the process of being transferred to the KNP.
- Isle Royale National Park move to the Smelter site is still being pursued.
- Hancock School Board sent a Summer Tax Resolution

Reports

Ripley Water Board – Treasurer Counts read the minutes.

Wastewater Operator – Jim Siira

- Received 20 Miss Dig calls.
- Pump on Mine Rock and Second streets having a problem.
- He's been out to inspect it five times.
- Changed oil on truck and put plow on.
- Markers were placed indicating the shaft
- Pumping 27,930 gallons per day

Fire Departments

Q-F-H Fire Dept.

- 1 call – minor – burned food in kitchen
- 300 people served for Spaghetti Dinner
- Five members will attend Fire Fighter 1 training.

Ripley Fire Dept. – no report

Brownfield – bank account is being charged a \$5.00 per month fee

Clerk

- Election turnout was 72%
- Prepared all materials and equipment for election
- Had a total of 62 AV ballots.
- Prepared Special Assessment resolution, notice, letter for residents
- Received a second quote for a printer, copier, fax machine from OPG for \$840.00

Treasurer – Deputy Treasurer

Working with Deputy Treasurer

Roads

- Ditched 3rd St, as well as, Coal and Paavola
- Hal Rundianin is trapping beavers on his property
- 278 friends on Facebook
- Put together LEPP Plan for USDA.

Recreation

- Working on ice rink
- Underground tubing
- 11/19 – pulling wiring for lights.
- Lights are here
- RC Mechanical working on furnace
- Working on Recreation Plan.

Assessor – Lisa Karrio

- L416 mailed in October
- Data base with winter tax bills is done
- Oct 22 and 29 did field work – 37 building permits
- Accurate – will be completing their data base.

Board of Review

Will be held in December

New Business

- Interact Club – Steven Smith – will hold a book and bake sale to fund a student studying abroad. Saturday December 10 – 9:00am-1:00pm
- The new Treasurer, Jodi, has a calendar for hall reservation
- We received a letter from The Superintendent at Hancock Schools about future plans for the Hancock Public Library
- She requested a meeting with Townships and City officials.
- Michigan Tech Winter Carnival Fireworks permit
- A motion was made by Clerk Brunet to send the permit to Blue Key for the Winter Carnival Fireworks; second by Trustee Sears. Motion carried.
- Oath of office was given by Clerk Brunet to the new elected officials of Franklin Township: Supervisor Mary Sears, Clerk Lisa Yeates, Treasurer Jodi Mikesch, Trustee Dan Dulong, Jr. and Trustee Larry J. Julio.

Announcements:

Next Meeting December 12, at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

Board of Review – to be announced

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Counts; second by Trustee Dulong Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Brunet, Clerk