TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Established October 19, 1863

"Preserve the Past for the Future"

Glenn Ekdahl, Supervisor — *Mary Sears, Trustee*
Mary Brunet, Clerk — *Dan Dulong Jr., Trustee*
Judith Counts, Treasurer

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