

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

February 8, 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 - none

Meeting Minutes

Trustee Dulong made a motion; second by Treasurer Counts to accept the meeting minutes with the noted corrections.
Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

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

Correspondence

KEDA membership renewal.

Received newsletter on their activities.

Note: the Airpark Sewer Study; a possibility they may hook up to the Franklin Township Sewer.

Reports

Ripley Water Board – Treasurer Counts read the minutes.

Wastewater Operator – Jim Siira

- No Miss Digs
- Pumping 25,332 gallons per day.
- New cable for Lift Sta. #4

Fire Departments

O-F-H Fire Dept.

- 2 calls this month
- On Jan 4 - rescued a cat from a tree.
- On Jan 16 report of a structure fire; resident was welding and burned garage

Ripley Fire Dept. – no report

Brownfield – no report

Supervisor Report

- Torch Lake Watershed Plan
- Torch Lake Pac – try applying for money for Watershed Management Plan

Clerk

- Preparing for elections
- Sending out absentee ballots
- Received the coded memory cards for machines
- Training for election inspectors will be held March 1
- Public Accuracy Test is scheduled for March 2

Treasurer

- Tax Season coming to an end
- Will be in the Office 9:00am-5:00pm on Friday, February 11
- Evening hours during next week.

Roads

- Quiet
- Evaluating signs missing over the winter.
- Requested a bid for a snow blower.
- Superior Rental All and Sales provides bid assist to municipalities.
- 268 friends on Facebook
- Bill Forsman – missing signs on Forsman Road

Recreation – no report

Assessor – Lisa Kaario

- Quite busy
- Update with last assessor dealing with taxpayers

New Business

- A proposed new fire truck purchase for Quincy-Franklin-Hancock Fire Dept.
- A 1999 Freightliner – 4 door – pumper
- Gear Box designed for this area with a 3rd low
- Bid proposal is for \$70,000
- Proposed funds to be used – Savings \$20,000
 - Boston Millage 15,000
 - Q-F-H Millage 15,000
 - Quincy Twp. Millage 20,000
- May have to borrow from Fire Apparatus Fund if Quincy Township cannot contribute.
- If so, Fire Dept. will sell Seagrave truck and replace funds in Fire Apparatus.
- Seagrave – electrical pump problem.
- A motion was made by Clerk Brunet to submit a bid proposal to purchase the Freightliner truck for \$70,000; second by Trustee Sears.
 - 4 ayes
 - 0 nays
 - 1 abstain – Trustee Dulong

We need to amend the Resolution for Inspection of FOIA Records. The records can be inspected at the Township Hall but can't be taken out.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 01-08-2016 to add Inspection of Records to FOIA policy made by Treasurer Counts; second by Clerk Brunet. Motion carried.

Hal Rundianen showed the Supervisor a map of his pond.
Another resident questioned a real estate business operating out of a home.

Announcements:

Next Meeting March 14, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

Budget Meeting March 14, 2016 at 6:30pm prior to Regular Meeting

Township Budget Meeting on February 27 at 9:00am at the Township Hall

Board of Review: Organizational meeting March 8 at 6:00pm; March 14 - 9:00am – 3:00pm; March - 15 3:00pm – 9:00pm.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Counts; second by Trustee Sears. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Brunet, Clerk