

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Established October 19, 1863
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REGULAR MEETING FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

February 13, 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

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve 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

- Received a letter from our participating Plan and risk control & personal driving records of people driving vehicles which includes Jim and the Fire Dept.
 - o Recommendations were given to the Fire Dept re: standard operating guides
 - o All license drivers go into a database and if a driver loses their license the Fire Dept would be contacted.
 - o Ripley is also working on theirs
 - o Mary will reach out to discuss Jim Siira, the other driver.
- Letter from UPPCO
 - o Removed one lamp light
- Letter from Charter
 - o The rates are increasing
- Letter from the US Dept of Commerce
 - o Boundary & annexation survey. The average rate of completion is 18 hours.
- Letter from local neighbors with regards increase surface water flow on North Royce Road.
 - o Clerk Yeates will compose a letter to each resident to acknowledge receipt and we will assess the issue
 - o Trustee Julio will go by area to survey as well as discuss with Houghton County Road Commission

Reports

Ripley Water Board

Treasurer Mikesch read the minutes

Wastewater Operations

Jim Siira reported the following:

- 2/3 Received call from Mine & 2nd Street
 - o Reset Breaker
- 2/6 Received a 2nd call from Mine & 2nd

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- o Found a similar substance as in the past causing an issue
- Had a 2nd call from Houghton County Road Commission
 - o A cloth rag was stuck
- Pumping 30,960 gallons a day on average

Fire Departments

Trustee Dulong reported the following:

- No calls since last meeting

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- May have a meeting just to get this going again
- Houghton County is developing their committee
 - o Looking for volunteers for committee

Supervisor

Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- Feb. 14 Assessors Training/Stanton
- Feb. 16 Transportation Management Seminar/Marquette
- Feb. 18 Budget Workshop 11am

Clerk

Clerk Yeates reported the following:

- General Fund Income & Expenses have been reclassified for all of 2016 to provide additional budget detail.
- Registered for QVF Training March 29th & 30th in Marquette
- New voting equipment demo on 1/26 for ES&S
- A demo with Dominion is scheduled for April 6 @ 10:00am at the Houghton Courthouse
- Going to investigate use of a postage meter rather than stamps for all Township Postage
 - o Need to compare cost savings to monthly fee
- Made a motion to pay all utility bills prior to due date
 - o Motion to approve by Trustee Dulong; seconded by Trustee Julio. Motion carried.

Treasurer

Treasurer Mikesch reported the following:

- 2/14 is the last collection from 6 - 8

Roads

Trustee Julio reported the following:

- Need to set up a meeting for a 5-year plan

Recreation

Trustee Dulong reported the following:

- Been working on the 5-year recreation plan
 - o Want to have time to do the review with community, need 30 days for comment
 - Should start the process so that it can be on the plan for 2018
 - o Need to have a survey for the community
 - Online, website, library, etc.
 - o Need to get set up on the DNR website.
 - o Working to get a meeting with WUPPDR.
 - Will get a checklist of next steps
- There have been kids skating on the ice rink

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- o Will not flood any more for the remainder of the year
- Did attend the 5-year plan Road Commission meeting

Assessor

Lisa Karrio reported the following:

- Attended BOR for 2/7
- Will attend Stanton training on 2/14
- Equalization will have country roll and database returned on 2/15. Will bring to the County to approve.
- Accurate will mail change notice on 2/24.

Old Business

Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- Set times for BOR March 7-state mandated
 - o Meeting will be 7:00pm
 - o March 13 will be 9 am - 3 pm
 - o March 14 will be 3 pm - 9pm
- Set date for budget hearing
 - o March 13 @ 6:30pm

New Business

Spring Clean Up

- o A township resident asked Treasurer Mikesch if there will be a spring cleaning
 - o There currently is not any remaining funds from last clean up
 - o Clerk Yeates will add Spring Cleaning to the Budget Workshop discussion

Spring Tax Collection

- o The letter from Hancock Public Schools was in error. They still want school taxes collected in winter.
- o Treasurer Mikesch will write a letter to CCISD asking them to keep collection in Winter.

2017 - 2018 Budget Proposal Workshop Date, scheduled for February 18th at 11:00am.

Next Sewer Board Meeting, Monday, April 10th at 6:00pm.

Next Township Board Meeting, Monday, March 13th at 7:00pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Treasurer Mikesch; seconded by Clerk Yeates. Motion carried.