

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

September 11, 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

- Representative from HEET, Melissa Davis, shared information regarding latest campaign as it relates to energy efficiency
 - o Residents can get a free energy audit and possibly receive a free replacement if they have an electric hot water heater
 - o Monthly meeting at Jutila Center, last Wednesday of month, in the SKRC room at 7:30pm.
 - o Website with additional information newpowertour.com/energy

Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept by Treasurer Mikesch; seconded by Clerk Yeates. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of Bill Payment

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

Correspondence

- Charter
 - o Franchise Fees
- UPPCO
 - o Seeking relief

Reports

Ripley Water Board

Treasurer Mikesch read the minutes from September 5th meeting which have not been approved but were discussed at last meeting.

Franklin Quincy Water Authority

Trustee Dulong read the minutes from July 11th meeting.

Wastewater Operations

Jim Siira reported:

- 7 Miss Dig calls
- 8/30 truck was checked out, will need rear rotors next spring.
- 8/31 grass was cut at township office
- 9/3 Peterson's Fish Market alarm went off. Fish net was stuck in the pump.
 - o Holding tanked will be pumped every 6 months.

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- 9/7 James Berg called re: cost for sewer system & wanted to know if he needed to pay tie in fee. He should not pay the \$1,000 tie fee. He will just need to pay his cost to tie in.
- Stephanie Dixon, in Ripley, is looking to tie into the sewer system as well.
- 9/9 grass cut at lift stations
- The LED is out. We need to fix.
- Can we put a yield sign or stop sign on Franklin Tram extension which is a private drive?
- 25,799 avg gallons

Quincy-Franklin- Hancock Fire Department

Trustee Dulong reported:

- 2 calls
 - o 8/25, Accident on Ingot & 41
 - o 8/30, lawn tractor accident. Owner rolled into a ravine
- Saturday 10/7 from 4-7pm Spaghetti dinner

Ripley Fire Department

No one from Ripley FD was present.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Supervisor Sears reported:

- Had a meeting and would like to contact someone at the condos off of Coal Dock Rd. Not able to get a response on contacts.

Assessor

Lisa Karrio reported the following:

- Received an email from State regarding missing information on tax roll values. Codes were missing from database. Worked with county to get codes updated.
- Working on putting building permits in to start field work on October.
- On 8/23 passed AMAR review.

Misc

Nothing to report

Supervisor

Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- Complaints
 - o Garbage piling up at houses
 - o People will not cut their grass
 - o Junk, car parts in yard
 - o Motion Motors has quite a few vehicles behind the building.
- Portage Lake Lift Bridge Planning Group
 - o No meeting this month
- Torch Lake PAC Group
 - o MEDQ & EPA looking to dredge about an acre of sediment from the Lake Linden Campground area of Torch Lake.
 - o Cory McDonald, an independent contractor out of WI. Hired to write grants. Looking into coastal zone grant.
- Houghton County Road Commission Meeting
 - o Pontiac Rd projected completed. Still has 0.6 miles remaining

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Clerk

Clerk Yeates reported the following:

- Information was supplied to auditor for annual review. Still awaiting results.

Treasurer

Treasurer Mikesch reported the following:

- Tax collection and the last day for summer taxes is Thursday, 9/14 from 6-8

Roads

Trustee Julio reported the following:

- Signs:
 - o Third St
 - o Dead End
 - o Sherman St
- Military Road
- W. Second Street

Recreation

Trustee Dulong reported the following:

- Starting work on ice rink
- Work day Saturday 9/30 at 11am to spruce up ice rink.
- Recreation Plan
 - o Trustee Dulong and Clerk Yeates will meet to revise plan
- Maybe do a work bee at the Ripley site

Old Business

- Veterans Board/Quincy
 - o No update.
- Pontiac Rd
 - o Preliminary ditch work is being done
 - o Putting mesh under the road so it should last longer
- Constable
 - o Read email from Sheriff McLean
- Roads Committee
 - o Need to study it some more to determine if valuable.
- Ripley Ski Hill
 - o See comments under new business
- Garbage at home on 5th Street

New Business

- Help with land issue request: Chris Basolo
 - o Trying to get alley way between property to condemn
- Stock letter for garbage complaint
 - o Treasurer Mikesch will draft a letter than can be sent to residents when complaints arise.
- Culvert at Ripley Falls
 - o Met with Nick to review new run at Ripley.
 - o No one "owns" the culverts but MTU will keep it open in the spring but still need to understand who owns them.
 - o Per Mark Johnson, Township owned cleaning the culverts in the past.
 - o Need to file a request with the County Commissioners to determine the impact of the culvert failing.

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- o Need to identify where the culverts are and who takes care of them; homeowners, township or county.
- o Reach out to the mine inspector to get his thoughts on the Arcadian Mine and the culverts.
- o Supervisor Sears will reach out to the Road Commission & County Commission to determine appropriate next steps.

Public Comment

Adjournment

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

Next Township Board Meeting, Monday, October 9th at 7:00pm