

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2018 - 7:00pm

Present: J. Mikesch, Treasurer, M Sears, Supervisor, D. Dulong, Trustee, L. Julio, Trustee, M. Brunet
Deputy Clerk

Absent: L. Yeates, Clerk

Public Comments – none

Approval of Agenda; a motion was made by Trustee Dulong to approve the Agenda; second by Treasurer Mikesch. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes; a motion was made by Trustee Dulong to approve the minutes; second by Trustee Julio with the name correction of Basolo. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills; a motion was made by Treasurer Mikesch; to approve the bills; second by Trustee Julio. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Keweenaw Economic Alliance – membership dues of \$175

A motion was made by Trustee Julio; second by Treasurer Mikesch to pay the membership dues.

Motion carried.

Business class internet is available in Hancock through Hughes.net

2018 Bridge conference-for engineers/roads

UPSET – asking for a contribution from Franklin Twp. Supervisor will ask for a clarification as to what a reimbursement is.

Houghton County Master Plan – request each Township enter a section for their Township

Franklin Twp. Was the only Twp. responded; so other Twps. were told to use our section as a model.

Semco – MPSC – gas costs recovery plan

Reports

Ripley Water Board – Treasurer Mikesch read the report.

Franklin-Quincy Water Auth – Trustee Dulong read the December 12 meeting minutes

Wastewater Operator

Talked to MDOT – Two projects on M26 (sign replacement) were not in conflict with Ripley Sewer System.

Battery on the truck was replaced

Trailer - sewer line was frozen

Truck was brought to Dodgeville Welding for a problem with the plow.

Pumping 33,861 gallons per day

Fire Depts.

Q-F-H- Fire Dept.

3 calls last month

1/15 – Carbon monoxide alarm (heating problem)

1/20 – snowmobile fire

1/23 – flames east of lift bridge referred to Ripley FD

Ripley Fire Dept.

1/23 fire call – resident burning papers

Brownfield Authority – no activity

Assessor

Assessor doesn't come out in the evenings; has a problem driving in the dark

2/20 – BOR classes

Supervisor is going to request a monthly report from her.

Miscellaneous - none

Supervisor

Portage Lake Lift Bridge Planning Group 3/7/18

Torch Lake PAC Group – heavy metals 2/20/18

Houghton Co Rd. Comm Meeting 2/19/18

MTA – Franklin Twp. Office – 2/21/18

Houghton Co. Comm. Meeting 2/13/18

Jail remains overcrowded

Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce

Twp. Supervisor joined Board

Valentines Gala

Lunch and Learn at Jutila Center

US41/M26 Corridor Meeting

Women's Leadership Society

Women as leaders

Clerk – absent

Clerk sent an email contemplating resigning as her job requires her to move

She will need to hand in a written notice of resignation

Rules state the Township has 45 days to find a replacement

Treasurer

Tax season winding down

2/28 – can pay until this time with no penalty

2/14 – collect taxes from 6:00-8:00pm

2/28 – will also be collecting taxes

Roads - Trustee Julio

Road Committee will have a spring start up

Resident – John Laitinen – N Royce Rd. stated his garage is being flooded by water which is draining from above the hill

Recreation – Trustee Dulong - no report

A donation from John Waisanen for \$500 was used to pay for one of the lights at the ice rink.

Two more light donations needed

Trying to keep rink clean so kids can skate

2/3 Don Wuebben came by and blew snow off the rink

Fire extinguishers for Twp Hall

Attended MTA Meeting

Old business – Supervisor Sears

Community Enrichment Program will be in late spring or early summer

Flea Market is scheduled for May 19 – (9:00-5:00 at the Twp. Hall

Proceeds for Recreation Fund

Township Flag – Cost is \$120

Residents will be asked to submit suggestions

New Business

Review Assessor's Contract

Annual Poverty Exemption Resolution

A motion was made by Treasurer Mikesch to approve the Poverty Exemption Resolution second by Trustee Julio. Motion carried.

Removing the property exemption from the Interest and Penalty for Property Transfer

Failure to file property transfer in time

Can be waived by Township

Need to review and will be tabled until next meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Dulong; second by Trustee Julio to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

Motion carried.