

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

January 11, 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

Treasurer Counts made a motion; second by Trustee Sears to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

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

Correspondence

Hancock Public Schools will collect school taxes in the summer.

Reports

Supervisor Ekdahl

- The Corrective Action Plan was sent in to the Department of Treasury.
- The Township FOIA policy needs an amendment for inspection of tax records.
- Hal Ruinane stated he will lower the beaver dam on his property in the spring.
- Arcadian St. needs work done on a culvert.
- Houghton Co. Rd. Comm. contributed the culvert.
- Julio Contracting couldn't install the culvert because of the fiber optic cable in area.
- Helminen's plan to have a car lot (Motion Motors) at the Arcadian Inn with 5-6 cars.
- Board of Review Training held at the Magnuson Inn on February 9.
- Torch Lake Pac Committee meeting
- An email was received asking if we're interested in updating website.
- WUPPDR – new person in charge; Jerry Wuorane
- DEQ grants are available for recycling.
- Auditor and Supervisor met – the Federal Report was submitted; it was satisfactory

Ripley Water Board – Treasurer Counts read the minutes.

Wastewater Operator – Jim Siira

- Paavola – both pumps were down, but are up and running now.
- Pumping 26,667 gallons per day.
- Deck plate, from mining company sewer lines, in Coburntown was replaced.

Fire Departments

O-F-H Fire Dept.

- 4 calls this month.
- Christmas Eve – High Pt. Rd.; Ameritec and Charter telephone lines.
- New Year's Eve ; snowmobile on fire
- Saturday – chimney fire on Coal Dock & Blessent Rd.
- Sunday – rescued a dog from home filled with carbon monoxide.

- Talking stage for purchase of pumper truck from the City of Hancock

Ripley Fire Dept. – no report

Brownfield – no report

Clerk

- Memory cards brought to Houghton Co. Treasurer for programming.
- Attended a presentation on voting equipment at the Houghton County Courthouse.
- Sending out voter registration cards to combined precinct voters.
- State of Michigan and Houghton County are notified of precinct consolidation.
- Had new printer installed.

Treasurer

Tax Season going well.

Roads

- Trustee Sears presented a tentative plan for roads in the Township.
- 272 friends on Facebook

Recreation

- Received \$86.40 in returnable can money; balance of Recreation Account is \$4,407.26.
- Did snow plowing for Jim while he was away.
- Working on lights and light poles for ice rink.

Assessor – Lisa Kaario

- Deeds have been straightened out.
- Personal property statements sent out.
- Sales studies ratios in computer.
- Field work and photos in computer.
- March Board of Review dates.; March 14 – 9:00am-3:00pm; March 15 3:00pm – 9:00pm
- Organizational meeting will be held on March 8 at 6:00pm.
- Veterans exemptions have to be submitted in March
- Special Assessment millage not included in Veterans exemptions.

New Business

- Alleyway abandonment procedures.
- Under the Subdivision Act which Concord City is platted
- The area would have to be resurveyed at cost to the Township.
- Ryan will have HVAC truck to clean out Ripley.
- On the MTA site – the MMTA has incorrect information on Township location.
- Keweenaw Title Agency documentation for the Quincy Mine Hoist and Franklin Township property transfer is to be place in safe deposit box.
- Billing clerk – Auditor Heinonen is busy with tax season; Clerk Brunet is busy with election and budget; Deputy Clerk is willing to help; Treasure Counts will continue billing for Ripley and Paavola.

Announcements:

Next Meeting February 9, 2016 at 7:00pm 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 Dulong. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Brunet, Clerk