TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Established October 19, 1863
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REGULAR MEETING FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
January 8, 2018 – Township Office

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Present: Supervisor Sears, Clerk Yeates, Treasurer Mikesch, Trustee Dulong
Absent: Trustee Julio

Public Comment

Acceptance of Agenda
Motion to accept with modification by Trustee Dulong; seconded by Treasurer Mikesch. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve by Trustee Dulong; seconded by Treasurer Mikesch. Motion carried

Approval of Bill Payment
Motion to approve by Trustee Dulong; seconded by Treasurer Mikesch. Motion carried

Correspondence
- Quincy Mine Hoist Association
  - Would like us to be a partner but the Township cannot.
- Charter
  - Line Up & Price changes
- Army Corp of Engineers
  - Request to build seawall and boat ramp in Chassell.
  - Authorization to dredge stamp sands in Grand Traverse Harbor

Reports

Ripley Water Board
Treasurer Mikesch read the minutes from January 2nd meeting which have not been approved but were discussed at last meeting.

Franklin Quincy Water Authority
Trustee Dulong read the minutes from November 14th meeting.

Wastewater Operations
Jim Siira reported:
- 1 Miss Dig call
- Spoke with John Pekkala and in the spring, they will go review all of the culverts in Ripley
- Have sand for the truck as well as markers.
- Spoke with Kevin Harju and they are doing some mapping in the spring for the culverts. Will get a map of the culverts on the highway.
- The plow wings were repaired. If the problem continues, the joystick will need to be replaced.
- Pump failure 1 & 2 at Mesnard location. Heater quit working. Bay Electric had to be called to replace the heater.
- Truck got stuck on the side of the Township Office & had to call for a tow.

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- Olivia Stevens called about slow drains in Ripley. She called a plumber & they thought they were hitting tree roots but they should not have them in a new system. Same thing happened today and she called Always Available. Has not heard anything back.
- Picked up a new strobe light for the truck.
- Going to a Miss Dig Seminar on 1/25. There is no charge.
    - They are currently doing emergency Miss Digs only due to the snow.
- Average 37,685 gallons per day
- Price from Bay Electric for replacing the pump is $6,860. Could fund from Repair, Replace & Improvement account.
- Will from HCRC is going to change the light & make sure it gets done today in Ripley.
- Trustee Dulong stated that the truck may need new tires and we should include in the budget for next year.

Quincy-Franklin- Hancock Fire Department
Trustee Dulong reported:

- 1 call
    - 12/26 – Call regarding black smoke from the Quincy Mine Hoist. After investigation, it was steam.
- Have a new member, Andrew Black. He is originally from Grand Rapids & has 19 years of service in other Fire Departments.

Ripley Fire Department
No one from Ripley FD was present.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Supervisor Sears reported:

- Nothing new to report.

Assessor
Lisa Karrio not in attendance

- December BOR response was small
- BOR Classes through MTA February 20th
- Supervisor Sears spoke with Lisa Karrio and she is adamant that she is only available via email. She returns calls 1 or 2 times a week. Supervisor Sears will talk to her about office hours.

Misc
Nothing to report

Supervisor
Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- Portage Lake Lift Bridge Planning Group meeting 2/7/18
    - Reviewed scenarios for bridge outage.
    - They do have a budget of $6,000 for emergency management.
- Torch Lake PAC Group Meeting 1/16/18
    - No new news
- Houghton County Road Commission Meeting 1/15/8
    - Trustee Dulong was not able to attend
    - The resolution for Mr. Baslow's easement was approved.
- MTA Meeting 1/31/18
- Houghton County Commissioners Meeting 1/9/18
    - Nothing new to report
- Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce 1/17/18

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- KEDA Meeting 1/10/18
- Conservation District Meeting 1/23/18
- US41/M26 Corridor Meeting 1/11/18

Clerk

Clerk Yeates reported the following:

- O&M was short for the end of the year bond payments by $2,144 which was borrowed from the General Fund to make the payment.
- W2's will go out by the end of the month but will be for 11 months not 12 as January was reported as part of the previous year and now getting back into the proper accounting format.
- BS&A software is at the municipality level so it can be downloaded multiple times on either personal computers or on a server.
- All newly order checks will now state that they are void after 90 days.
- 95% of the journal entries from the audit are complete. Have a couple of outstanding questions on Wastewater & Special Revenue. Have Ripley journal entries outstanding

Treasurer

Treasurer Mikesch reported the following:

- Winter Tax collection is in process. Upcoming Office Hours:
  - Tuesday 1/16 from 6-8
  - Saturday 1/17 from 9-3

Roads

Trustee Julio not in attendance

Recreation

Trustee Dulong reported the following:

- There is ice at the rink and kids were able to skate on Christmas break. Still working on the heat in the shack.
- Still looking at time to work on the recreation plan.

Old Business

- Community Enrichment Programs – Personal protection
- Motion Light on Building
  - DJ is going to order the LED light. The cost is $30 with a photocell.
  - Motion made by Treasurer Mikesch to approve the expense, seconded by Clerk Yeates. Motion carried.
- Fire extinguishers
  - DJ will get one for each office, three larger for each utility room and 2 CO2 detectors.

New Business

- KNHP Advisory Commission appointment – John Sullivan
  - Treasurer Mikesch made a motion to appoint Commissioner Sullivan to continue to service on the Advisory Commission on behalf of Franklin Township. Seconded by Trustee Dulong. Motion carried.
- Set date for spring flea market
  - Set up Friday, May 18th
  - Flea Market, May 19th from 9:00 – 5:00
  - Will set up a Flea Marketing Planning meeting for January 27th at Noon.
    - Supervisor Sears will check with insurance company to see if we need a rider.
- Township Flag
  - In the Township Focus Magazine, some townships have their own individual flag.
  - Do we want to have a Township Flag? Potential contest for flag design?

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Adjournment

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

Next Township Board Meeting, Monday, February 12th at 7:00pm