

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

March 7, 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 – Elector Sullivan asked about the Paavola Sewer rate, and questioned having meters placed on the sewer outlets rather than a set rate for wells. Supervisor Ekdahl stated the cost of these meters at the time of construction was \$1,000 per house at a cost of \$42,000.

Meeting Minutes

Trustee Dulong made a motion; second by Trustee Sears to accept the meeting minute. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

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

Correspondence

New 911 numbers

Explained to meeting attendees the Charter Communication monthly payment to Township of approximately \$1,271.75

Reports

Ripley Water Board – Treasurer Counts read the minutes.

Wastewater Operator – Jim Siira

- Had a Miss Dig call at Mesnard
- A camera needs to be run at Mine Rock and Second to look at grinder.
- The Supervisor stated that since the price of a camera is \$5,000; check with the "Always Available" to see if we can have them look at the line.
- Pumping 34,587 gallons per day

Fire Departments

O-F-H Fire Dept.

- One fireman completed Fire Fighter training one
- Two truck drivers had training
- MSP conducted training – 12 men attended traffic accident management.
- One person attended a training on natural gas pipeline awareness in Baraga
- Chicken BBQ scheduled for June 5

Ripley Fire Dept. – no report

Brownfield – no report

Clerk

- The election had several minor problems.
- The voter turnout was 37%
- Filed election reports
- An election audit for precinct 2 is scheduled for April 6
- Worked on annual report.
- Michigan's August Primary is for partisan offices; that is Republican and Democrat offices.
- The deadline for filing for these offices is April 19.
- If a candidate is filing as no party their name will be on the November ballot; the deadline to file is July 21.

Treasurer

- Final winter tax bills are done.
- Turned the taxes over to the County.
- She requested to have the Quick Books trainer look at the Township's Quick Books set-up

Roads

- Forsman Road signs
- Need a new stop sign on the road.
- Asked for size for Township Boundary signs.
- Facebook and Website has 267 friends.

Recreation

- Need a group of volunteers
- To get Ice Rink Shack completed and a planned work bee to brush the lakefront property in Ripley

Assessor – Lisa Kaario

- 15 people came to the Township's Board of Review

New Business

- Set Township Meeting dates for the coming year
- Treasurer Counts made a motion that the meeting dates remain the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm; second by Clerk Brunet. Motion carried.
- Township Millage renewals need to be ready for the August ballot:
- Ripley Fire Hydrant
- Ripley Fire Dept.
- Quincy Fire Dept.
- Roads
- Fire Apparatus

Announcements:

Next Meeting April 11 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Counts; second by Trustee Dulong. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Brunet, Clerk