

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

August 14, 2017– Township Office

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: L. Yeates, Clerk

Public Comments - none

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

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

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

Correspondence

Fire Protections Program - MTU building coverage at Airport

Reports

Ripley Water Board - Treasurer Mikesch read the report.

Franklin-Quincy Water Auth - Trustee Dulong read two months reports

Rodney Nuttall - is the new treasurer of the Authority and will replace Dennis Raasio

Treasurer Mikesch made a motion to accept the reports; second by Trustee Dulong. Motion Carried.

Wastewater Operator

Three Miss Digs

Township truck will be undercoated

The truck will be checked over on August 30th

Pumping 25,643 gallons per day

Fire Depts.

Q-F-H- Fire Dept.

Grass fire 100 yards from Township Hall

Six members attended UP Firemen's Tournament; participated in dress parade

Ripley Fire Dept. - no report

Brownfield Authority

A meeting is scheduled for August 24 at 7:00pm

Assessor

Deeds were reviewed and picked up at Courthouse

Land Divisions were completed

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Accurate was paid off
Board of Review changes were completed by Treasurer

Supervisor

Portage Lake Lift Bridge - there will be a planning disaster scenario not an active one
Houghton County Road Commission - having an internet (ShoreWaves) problem
Missed a Miss Dig notification
Keweenaw National Park - may be using our parking lot for eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21

Clerk - absent

HAVA agreement for hardware and software for voting machines is to be submitted

Treasurer

BOR - July changes
Collecting taxes

Roads - Trustee Julio

Need signs for dead end roads; Sherman, West Second
Military Road - ditching not done - left messages with Houghton Co
N Royce Rd. - haven't heard from Houghton Co.
Grass trimming was done on main roads

Recreation - Trustee Dulong - no report

Need to review WUPPDR information with Clerk

Veteran's Board - Trustee Dulong

Thought we would have Boston's board painted and hung on the Township Hall wall
Quincy's would be repaired and painted and it would stay where it is
He will talk to shop teacher at Hancock and see if they would repair it.

Old business - Supervisor Sears

Pontiac Road will be paved this year
Constable information was handed out to Board
Roads Committee - This would be an advisory committee
Packet handed out with information on similar committees in other Townships
Discussion was held on a roads committee

New Business

Resolution to establish a Subdivision Control Ordinance and Application Resolution - 08-14-17A
Board usually decides on land divisions. A motion was made by Trustee Dulong to establish Resolution 08-14-17A; second by Trustee Mikesch. Motion carried.

With a Land Division Application a permit pulled in the Houghton County offices will come to Franklin Township for approval before work can be started.

Set Back Ordinance Resolution 08-14-17B. With this Resolution any large building on a property has to be set back so far from the property line.

Residents can come before Board to ask for a variance.

Assessor has not done set back inspections in the past.

Set backs in Hancock Township are done by the Supervisor.

Treasurer Mikesch made a motion to accept the Set Back Resolution 08-14-17B; second by Trustee Dulong, Motion carried.

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Subdivision Control Ordinance Amendment #1. A motion was made to add the Assessor to Ordinance 08-14-17A by Trustee Julio; second by Treasurer Mikesch. Motion Carried.

MDOT Performance Resolution 08-14-2017C has to be signed every year. A motion was made to approve Resolution 08-14-17C by Trustee Julio; second by Treasurer Mikesch. Motion carried

Ripley Ski Hill

MTU is making a ski run that will cross the Ripley Falls. The Houghton Co. Drain commissioner & MDEQ were contacted as a resident has concerns with potential flooding of her property. Assistant Clerk Brunet suggested the Township Board meet with Nick Sirdinis and Drain Commissioner John Pekkala to understand what is going on at that site.

Trustee Dulong reminded everyone that Semco Energy's pay cap will end in November

A motion was made by Treasurer Mikesch; second by Trustee Julio to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Motion carried.