

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**  
HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
*Established October 19, 1863*  
*"Preserve the Past for the Future"*  
(906) 487-9073

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*Lawrence Julio, Trustee*

## REGULAR MEETING FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

### March 13, 2017– Township Office

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Supervisor Sears, Clerk Yeates, Treasurer Mikesch, Trustee Julio, Trustee Dulong

#### Public Comment

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve with changes by Treasurer Mikesch; seconded by Trustee Julio. Motion carried

#### Approval of Bill Payment

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

#### Correspondence

- Letter from Jim Koskiniemi who made a request to WUPPDR on our behalf for a water system for Paavola. Estimated cost \$1,500,000. Township was not contacted and Jim was not in attendance at the meeting. Township Board would contact Paavola residents prior to adding them to the water system.
- KEDA is asking for their annual membership which is \$175.
  - o Motion by Trustee Julio to pay, seconded by Trustee Dulong.
- Letter from UPPCO. They are having a hearing to determine how to disburse overpayment.

#### Reports

##### Ripley Water Board

Treasurer Mikesch read the minutes which have not been approved but were discussed at last meeting.

##### Wastewater Operations

Jim Siira reported the following:

- No Miss Dig calls
- Next sewer bill want a reminder for customers that no ground water should be going into the wastewater system.
  - o Jim to draft a letter to include in next billing
- Talk to Mike Schultz and did get a hold of Scott. Tying into the neighbor's sewer line is a violation. Waiting to hear back from Mike.
- When there was a power outage on February 27<sup>th</sup>, knocked out the lift stations.
- Arcadian & 4<sup>th</sup>, manhole was off. Notified HCRC.
- Pumping 38,418 gallons a day on average.

##### Fire Departments

Trustee Dulong reported the following:

- No calls since last meeting
- 3 members passed firefighter 1 exam
- 2 members are taking the exam on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March.

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## Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Supervisor Sears, nothing to report.

## Supervisor

Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- Went to a property assessor's class and took test for 1<sup>st</sup> level license.

## Clerk

Clerk Yeates reported the following:

- Primarily focused on the budget since the last meeting
- Will begin using QuickBooks Payroll beginning April 1st
- Purchasing a Postage Meter is not cost effective.

## Treasurer

Treasurer Mikesch reported the following:

- Tax season is over & everything has been turned over to the county.
- Friends of the Firefighters Committee are considering having a community rummage sale in May. Exact dates have not been chosen. Plan is for a Friday evening and Saturday during the day.

## Roads

Trustee Julio reported the following:

- Trustee's Julio and Dulong attended MTA meeting and it was suggested that we should have a Set Back ordinance with a 10ft rule for any building. Township must approve first before they go to the county.
- Spoke with Kevin Harju re: Coal Dock Road and it is slated to be done in 2019 with grant money from the state. No funding required from the Township.
- Spoke with Kevin Harju re: N. Royce Road and nothing has been changed with regards to slope. Will review in the spring to potentially add open ditches or culverts.

## Recreation

Trustee Dulong reported the following:

- Can drive slated for the end of April.
- Clerk Yeates will attend the meeting with WUPPDR with Trustee Dulong in April.

## Assessor

Lisa Karrio was not in attendance. Mr. Julio reported that:

- 19 people attended the BOR meeting today.
- After tomorrow's meeting, will determine action items.

## Old Business

Supervisor Sears reported the following:

- Spring Clean Up
  - o Will be held at the end May
  - o A notice will be included in the newspaper as well as the website.
- Veterans Board/Quincy
  - o Trustee Dulong will check with ROTC.

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## New Business

- Office Gates
  - A1 Drywall quoted \$650 installed on both sides. Six Foot expandable gates.
  - Trustee Dulong will verify type of material.
  - Motion to approve by Trustee Julio, seconded by Clerk Yeates upon verification that gates are metal.
- Snow Blower
  - Husqvarna 27", cost \$999.99
  - Motion to approve purchase of snow blower made on Treasurer Mikesch, seconded by Clerk Yeates.
- Resolution for Poverty Exemption
  - State failed Township on our property assessments.
  - Need to have a Property Exemption Resolution.
  - Must be revised every year as the poverty levels may change.
  - Needs to be included in application packet.
  - Motion to approve Resolution by Trustee Dulong, seconded by Trustee Julio.
  - Motion to approve sample application by Treasurer Mikesch, seconded by Trustee Dulong
- Update of FOIA resolution/add property card inspection.
  - State failed Township on our FOIA policy not being available.
  - Need to develop a FOIA request packet and policy.
  - Need to include how we can allow public viewing of property cards.
  - City of Hancock may have something on their website.
  - Public viewing of property cards on the computer. They will all be on BS&A and access all the township card information.
  - Need a read only viewing screen.
  - Clerk Yeates will reach out to the county to see what they use for viewing property cards.
- Parcel maps of the township
  - State failed Township due to parcel maps not being made available.
  - Lisa Karrio is investigating & obtaining a quote for a township parcel map book.
- Resolution to allow Local Tax Payers to mail BOR appeals
  - Reviewed Resolution to determine if we can do this for next year.

Next Township Board Meeting, Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

## Adjournment

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