

Frankenlust Township News

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From The Supervisor...Hilda supervisor@frankenlust.com

M-84 has opened. Cleanup is scheduled for this spring. Some of the roads are not marked very well. Signs should also be added in the spring. There still is no money set aside to finish the rest of the road. The bridge by McDonald's is scheduled for major repair in 2010. Bergers restaurant plans on opening in March at their new site. The state intends to leave the old site as a clear view spot.

We have a little bad news for everyone. Our newest fire truck was flipped on its side while on a run on I-75. It will be out of service for a few months. One firefighter was slightly injured but is doing well. Damages may exceed \$50,000. We are working with the insurance company to keep our out-of-pocket cost as low as possible. We still have our old red 1976 pumper, which will be put back into service. We are grateful our firefighters are okay.

While I'm on bad news I will add one more. Many of you will see an increase on your water bill in March. Everyone served with Saginaw water, which is most everyone west of I-75, will get a rate increase. Saginaw has raised our rates twice in the last 18 months. We now pay \$11,000 more every month for the same amount of water. We had no choice but to pass that increase on to the users. Now for some good news; we have only two payments left on our bonds for water. We have enough funds in the account to cover these payments so we can remove the \$25.00 debt charge that was on some of the water districts. Some of you will actually see an increase in rates, but a decrease overall.

Leah Owens has been appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you would like to be considered for any of our Boards please contact me at the email address above. We often need people and my list of volunteers is very low. We have also added a friendly voice as a co-op in our office. She is high school senior, Nicole Kelly. Lastly we have a new phone system. You will still get a person when you call during normal office hours. After hours however, you will get a voice mail system which will allow you to leave a message for any of the officers.

We continue to fight several legal battles. The Saginaw River dredging site lawsuit continues. The DEQ is aligned with us and is insisting that the site be safe. Saginaw County and the Army Corp doesn't want to spend the extra money. DEQ wants Dow to kick in funds. That scares me because that might give Dow the edge they need to put in Tittabawassee River spoils. We don't want that. We are also suing a sign company and an individual about a big pole barn. We have to enforce our

ordinances, but that does not come cheap.
Happy Ground Hog Day!!!



From the Treasurer...Mary Revord treasurer@frankenlust.com

Well, where has the year gone? I seem to ask that question a lot these days. When I was younger it was of no interest to me, but as I grow older it seems like the days go by so quickly. I look back at the time since I was a young child and I have seen many changes but I bet those older than me would say I haven't seen anything; the stories we could tell about past history. Now I wonder what will the future bring, how can things change any more? Where will we go from computers? What will happen with our currency, will we soon even have money to handle? But I guess that is what life is about, learning and changing as we learn. My time as Treasurer continues to be a learning experience for me.

Talking about history, the Township will be 125 years old this year. We would like to hear any stories you have to tell about life here in Frankenlust Township as you remember it growing up. Please jot it down and share it with us. If you have any pictures we would welcome them also. Put it in an envelope and mark it Anniversary Memories. You don't have to include your name if you don't want to. We are planning on celebrating our Township with a dinner in September. Look for more details in our next newsletter.

I continue to see our general funds decrease as the cost of things go up. We will have to start looking at ways to cut costs in the very near future as we all have had to do. I remember an old saying, "You live, you die and you pay taxes". I don't know who said it but, it is a truth we all face in life.

You can continue to pay summer and winter taxes here at the hall until March 1. Remember summer taxes have interest added monthly. From February 15-28 both summer and winter have a 3% penalty added on. My hours for the month of February will be as follows:

February 3, 10 & 13 9am - 4pm

February 14 9am - 5pm

(last day before adding penalty)

February 17, 21, 24, 28 9am - 4pm

Tax payments need to be in my office by mail or in person by 5pm February 14.

