

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Prophet called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Prophet, Sarah Etelamaki, Peter Koski, Jeffrey Ogea, Paul Alto
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Jackie Solomon, Jim Kippola, Joe Wassie, Steve Bartanen
STAFF ABSENT: None
PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Brandt
4. Approval of Agenda
MOTION: To approve the agenda with addition: New Business e. Katie Bartanen Resignation Letter.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeffrey Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
MOTION: To approve the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, with corrections.
Jeffrey Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report
MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:

General Fund: \$937,237.72	Road Fund: \$466,440.44
Sanitation Fund: \$251,948.03	Rail Fund: \$274,806.13
Fire/EMS Fund: \$103,778.59	Trust & Agency Fund: \$6,948.01

Pete Koski, Moved; Jeffrey Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
MOTION: To accept the bills as written, with additions.
Pete Koski, Moved; Jeffrey Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the Fire Department meeting, and state that they have a nice new truck. Tom Prophet attended the MCSWMA informational meeting on recycling and gave a brief report on the goal of single stream recycling at the landfill. Sarah Etelamaki also attended the recycling meeting and added to Supervisor Prophet's report and stated there is information available if anyone would like to look at the studies.
 - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Jim Kippola gave a summary of the last PC meeting. He states that the Humboldt Master Plan should be ready with an update for the board in early 2019. The Marquette Co. Master Plan still has 3 local townships to meet with. The Disaster Preparedness Plan has made some progress with information from Teresa Schwalbach, and there is more to come in 2019.
 - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Bartanen reports that the new truck is filled and ready to go. The FD has had a few calls about the smell coming from the mine pit. The FD would like to get

a concrete pad in front of the fire hall for the purpose of washing trucks outdoors without it getting muddy. He said there has been talk about the possible purchasing of extraction tools since Ishpeming Township is the nearest to us with those tools. He states there is no more EMS in Republic Township and suggests our township revisit the idea of creating either an EMS team, or First Responders. Discussion took place on ways to generate interest from our residents. Supervisor Prophet is going to contact other local supervisors to discuss options.

9. Correspondence

- a. Planning Commission Draft Minutes 11/26/2018
- b. Memo: HTPC Chairman Kippola re: MJ VanDamme Pit Closure
- c. Memo: HTPC Chairman Kippola re: Street Sign, Address & Street Light Assessment
- d. Memo: HTPC Chairman Kippola re: Jeannie Carlisle Resignation
- e.

10. Public Comment: Bob Brandt discussed recycling and the need for it because no one would want a new landfill due to costs, etc. He wishes the board well in 2019 as it looks like the board will have a full plate. He is also concerned about the smell issue at the mine and doesn't believe the mine is being honest with what is happening.

11. Old Business:

- a. **Fire Hall Addition:** All of the unfinished projects now appear to be complete. We will still need to keep an eye on the sidewalk grade in the spring to make sure it is not draining water towards the hall. Chairman Kippola states the PC has requested an "As built" site plan and is waiting on that.
- b. **Zoning Violation: Huhta:** Supervisor Prophet said Mr. Huhta did come in and pay for his permit. The property was also changed from commercial to residential.
- c. **MJ VanDamme Pit Closure:** The submitted restoration plan is not adequate. The Zoning Administrator has reviewed the plan and listed the current violations that are still not addressed. The PC is recommending that the board contact Mr. Delmont and inform him of his options. One, being to take the issue to the Zoning Board of Appeals so that they can mediate and try to come to an agreement. Or two, comply with the zoning ordinance and its requirements to focus on the health, safety, and welfare of the people. The board will send a letter to Mr. Delmont.
- d. **Plow Truck:** The board set a budget of \$12,000 to search for a plow truck. It was recommended by Chairman Kippola to try the option of a blind ad and see what is offered. Emailing local dealerships was also a suggested option.
- e. **Assessing:** Supervisor Prophet spoke with Mr. Robare and stated we will need a resignation letter if he is no longer going to be the township assessor. Mr. Robare will send one. Jackie Solomon had submitted a resume for the position last month.
**MOTION: To hire Jackie Solomon as assessor of Humboldt Township.
Jeffrey Ogea, Moved; Paul Alto, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion carried.**
- f. **MDNR Recreation Grant:** The recreation grant has finally been approved. We will send out for bids along with the cemetery work in January.
- g. **Master Plan Contract Amendment:** The proposed amendment is for an extension, but no contract has been received.
- h. **Street Sign, Address, and Street Light Assessment:** The last piece of field work at the Granite Lake area has yet to be completed, as firearm season was upon us. Chairman Kippola states they are

looking for input on the preliminary draft. He also questions if the township should have an ordinance requiring signage for properties.

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12. New Business:

- a. **2019 Regular Board Meeting Schedule:** The board reviewed the schedule for 2019 meetings.
- b. **Call for 2019 Capital Improvement Projects:** Chairman Kippola is looking for any possible projects that should be considered for 2019.
- c. **Jeannie Carlisle Planning Commission Resignation:** Jeannie Carlisle submitted a resignation letter and the PC has regretfully accepted it. The township thanks Jeannie for all of her service. This leads to an opening on the PC board which will be posted.
- d. **Board of Review Appointments:** The members of the board of review are up for re-appointment. They have all indicated that they would like to continue and so will be re-sworn in.
- e. **Katie Bartanen Deputy Clerk Resignation Letter:** Deputy Clerk Katie Bartanen has submitted a resignation letter. Clerk Etelamaki was aware this was coming and has already chosen a new deputy clerk, Doreen Weaver, who will be sworn in asap. We thank Katie for her service.

13. Public Comment: Bob Brandt would like the board to hire an electrician to fix the outlets by the pond for the Fishing Derby. He states the “plow truck” can also be used to various other township needs so employees or board members wouldn’t have to use personal vehicles for township travel. Mr. Brandt would like to know if solar lights could be an alternate for un-needed street lights to save money. He also wonders if property owners affected by the gravel pit issues would be willing to sell their houses to VanDamme as, that could possibly be a less expensive way for VanDamme to resolve their violations.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm.

Jeffrey Ogea, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk