

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020 – 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, Pete Koski, Jeff Ogea
 - MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Alto
 - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola, Steve Bartanen
 - STAFF ABSENT:** None
 - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Debbie Wiljanen, Bob Brandt
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda with the addition of 12f. New Fire Department Application.**
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the December 09, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 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: \$1,127,836.97	Road Fund: \$94,329.91
Sanitation Fund: \$305,242.24	Rail Fund: \$278,327.46
Fire/EMS Fund: \$178,820.76	Trust & Agency Fund: \$6,289.54

Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
 - MOTION: To accept the bills as written.**
Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Jeff Ogea-PC meeting. Sarah Etelamaki-Clerks meeting. Pete Koski-FD meeting.
 - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola gave a summary of the last PC meeting, some items on that agenda included a recap of the Master Plan update and schedule. Mr. Kippola also stated that it seems more young families are moving to the area where 478 was re-paved. Full meeting minutes are available at the hall or online.
 - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Bartanen reported that the FD had their regular and annual meeting. They have received equipment returned from 3 retired FF. The few others should be turning in their equipment soon. They had their election of officers and Zach Quayle is now the Assistant Chief, Sambo Pesola is Training officer, and Jenny Quayle is Safety officer. The FD also received a new FF application from Pete Koski and he was unanimously approved.
9. Correspondence
 - a. FD 12-4-19 Meeting Minutes

- b. PC 12-16-19 Draft Meeting Minutes
- c. Republic Mountain Lake LLC Letter-The board had a small discussion regarding the letter and decided to consult with the attorney.

10. Public Comment: Bob Brandt is seeking approval to start the planning for the Children's Fishing Derby. He commented on the Eagle Mine forum where they said they would be testing local water wells near the treatment plant. Mr. Brandt also suggested the township consider adding a metal collection dumpster to our annual spring clean-up.

Debbie Wiljanen is concerned about Co Rd FO with the semis blocking the road making it impassable for other traffic. The grade of the road is also an issue as it is almost too steep to access Co Rd 601 and the ridge is approximately a 5 inch drop. Supervisor Prophet stated he will call the county to see what can be done.

11. Old Business:

- a. **Recreation Grant Update:** Clerk Etelamaki stated the grant is still not closed out due to some clerical errors with the original application that the DNR wants corrected. The basketball court was listed as a scope item, but never actually had plans to be done. She states that the website is also not very user friendly and quite difficult to navigate. She is continuing to work on getting that closed.

12. New Business:

- a. **Master Plan Resolutions 01-2020 and 02-2020:** The board had a brief discussion on the resolutions which is the adoption of the Humboldt Township 2020 Master Plan-Future Land Use Map amendment with additional areas to be designated Manufacturing, and the Humboldt Township 2020 Master Plan Update amendment with associated maps.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. BD 01-2020 .

Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; Roll Call Vote:

Pete Koski-Aye Thomas Prophet-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye

Sarah Etelamaki-Aye 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. BD. 02-2020.

Jeff Ogea, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; Roll Call Vote:

Pete Koski-Aye Thomas Prophet-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye

Sarah Etelamaki-Aye 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

- b. **Generator Quotes:** Three quotes were received for the generator install at the fire hall for back-up in the event of a major power outage so the doors and lights can still operate.

Code Electric: \$9,000.00

Kukla Electric: Winter Bid \$8,500.00 Spring Bid \$6,700.00

Wolverine Power Systems: \$11,974.40

MOTION: To accept the Spring bid from Kukla Electric in the amount of \$6,700.00.

Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

- c. **Fish Lake Public Access Site Planning:** The board had a discussion on future plans for development at the public access site and what is desired. Possibilities included a permanent or roll-out dock for fishing, and a kayak launch. It was decided to look into grants and deadlines and to possibly put out an RFP to study the site and potential.

- d. **U.P.S.E.T. Agreement and Request:** The township received a letter from UPSET requesting operational funds and an agreement for services. Since there is no information for past funding or agreements, the board decided to request a presentation from UPSET on the services provided.

- e. **Extra Help for Tax Collection:** With the limited office hours the treasurer has, some of the tax collections are falling behind. Treasurer Alto had previously agreed that he could use some assistance in processing taxes. Former treasurer Debbie Wiljanen has agreed to assist with tax collection.

MOTION: To hire Debbie Wiljanen to assist with tax collection.

Tom Prophet, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion carried.

- f. **New Fire Fighter Application-Pete Koski:** The board reviewed the application and agreed with the FD's approval.

MOTION: To approve Pete Koski as a Humboldt Fire Fighter.

Jeff Ogea, Moved; Tom Prophet, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion carried.

- 13. Public Comment: Bob Brandt said the township should use public funds to improve the Fish Lake Access Site. He also supports the request for funding for UPSET.

- 14. Board Member Comments:

- 15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm.

Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk