

**HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP**  
**244 CO. RD. FAF**  
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**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, June 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

1. Supervisor Prophet called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sarah Etelamaki, Thomas Prophet, Pete Koski, Jeff Ogea, Chris Grund  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola  
**STAFF ABSENT:** None  
**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Jeffery Roo
4. Approval of Agenda  
**MOTION: To approve the agenda with addition k. Sound System.**  
**Jeff Ogea, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes  
**MOTION: To approve the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**  
**Jeff 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:**

<b>General Fund: \$1,809,058.25</b>	<b>Road Fund: \$624,189.02</b>
<b>Sanitation Fund: \$535,185.31</b>	<b>Rail Fund: \$327,822.48</b>
<b>Fire/EMS Fund: \$435,681.86</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency Fund: \$4,872.67</b>

**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:  
**MOTION: To accept the bills as written.**  
**Jeff Ogea, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
  - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Trustee Ogea attended the PC meeting.  
Trustee Koski attended the Fire Department meeting.
  - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola went over the PC minutes to update the board.
  - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Trustee Koski gave a brief report on fire calls and training.
9. Correspondence
  - a. PC Draft Meeting Minutes-May 2021
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:
  - a. **Tower Lake Title Search:** Still being worked on.
  - b. **Draft Cemetery Ordinance Review:** Still waiting on the PC corrections.
12. New Business:

- a. **U.P.S.E.T. Request:** There has been a contract and request for donation from U.P.S.E.T. The board had a brief discussion and decided to continue with the contract and support of the service.  
**MOTION: To donate \$500.00 to U.P.S.E.T. once a year (May) for services.**  
**Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- b. **Kuopus Logging Estimate:** An estimate for aging white pine tree removal next to the town hall was received and reviewed.  
**MOTION: To approve the estimate from Kuopus Logging for \$8,500.00 to remove 10 White Pine trees.**  
**Chris Grund, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- c. **Anderson, Tackman, & Company, PLC Contract:** The contract for Anderson, Tackman, & Co. is expiring.  
**MOTION: To approve and accept the 3 year professional fee proposal from Anderson, Tackman, & Company, PLC.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- d. **UPPCO Franchise Renewal:** The 30 year franchise is expiring and UPPCO has requested a renewal.  
**MOTION: To approve the proposed 30 year franchise renewal ordinance.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; Roll Call Vote:**  
**Aye: Sarah Etelamaki, Jeff Ogea, Tom Prophet, Chris Grund, Pete Koski**  
**Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.**
- e. **Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** The board was asked to review and adopt the Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan by resolution for eligibility of future FEMA grants.  
**MOTION: To adopt the Maquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; Roll Call Vote:**  
**Ayes: Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Tom Prophet, Jeff Ogea, Pete Koski**  
**Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.**
- f. **Ground Maintenance Help:** The township could use a little extra grounds help during the summer months.  
**MOTION: To hire extra help for the summer for grounds upkeep.**  
**Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- g. **Contract with Marquette County Sheriffs Department for Ordinance Enforcement:**  
Information was obtained that the township could enter into contract with the Sherrif's Department for ordinance enforcement if desired. Discussion took place and it was decided to get more details.
- h. **MFR Regional Authority Board:** The township is down to one student taking the MFR class as there was a drop-out. Supervisor Prophet is going to seek answers from the State Representatives meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> on why the regulations are so strict for rural areas. We will keep pursuing becoming part of an authority board for the west end.
- i. **Supervisor Letter:** Supervisor Prophet has submitted a letter of resignation, effective July 1, 2021.  
**MOTION: To accept Supervisor Prophet's letter of resignation.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION: To appoint Jeff Ogea as Supervisor effective July 1, 2021.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; 1 Abstain; Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION: To appoint Tom Prophet to fill Trustee position effective July 1, 2021.**  
**Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported, 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 1 Abstain; Motion Carried.**

- j. **MTA Principles of Governance:** MTA urges Township Boards to sign a form to be displayed stating the board abides and acts by the principles of governance. Board members agreed to sign.
- k. **Sound System:** During the fishing derby it appeared the sound system was no longer working so it was decided to call around for prices on a replacement.

13. Public Comment: Jeffery Roo wanted board positions clarified.

14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Ogea stated the FD did an excellent job on the Fishing Derby.

15. Adjournment:

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm.**

**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**

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Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk