

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, July 12, 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, Jeff Ogea, Chris Grund
 - MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pete Koski
 - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola, Joe Wasie, Steve Bartanen
 - STAFF ABSENT:** None
 - PUBLIC PRESENT:** None
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda.**
 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
 - Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 3 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: \$1,546,359.05	Road Fund: \$512,123.98
Sanitation Fund: \$447,037.01	Rail Fund: \$327,818.93
Fire/EMS Fund: \$176,875.01	Trust & Agency Fund: \$5,683.50

 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
 - MOTION: To accept the bills as written.**
 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Clerk Etelamaki attended the WMCSWMA meeting and the Clerk's meeting.
 - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola went over the PC minutes to update the board.
 - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Bartanen gave an update on the new truck and stated they have been busy with calls.
9. Correspondence
 - a. PC Draft Meeting Minutes-June 2021
10. Public Comment: Steve Bartanen inquired about the logs from the cut trees.
11. Old Business:
 - a. **Tower Lake Title Search:** The title is waiting for the judge's signature.
 - b. **Draft Cemetery Ordinance Review:** A final draft was submitted from the PC.
 - MOTION: To move ahead with adopting the cemetery ordinance.**

Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

- c. **Contract with Marquette County Sheriffs Department for Ordinance Enforcement:** The cost would be \$50/hour with fuel billed separately. It was agreed not to pursue at this time.

12. New Business:

- a. **Tom Prophet Letter:** Tom Prophet submitted a letter declining the Trustee appointment. That leaves an opening on the Township Board. It was agreed to advertise on website and FB.
- b. **Township Land Sale & Purchase:** There has been some interest from individuals wanting to purchase portions of Township property adjacent to their own. The board decided to send the issue to the PC and is also waiting for a response from the ZA on minimum acreage per zoning ordinance.
- c. **Cemetery Service Proposals:** The board has received a proposal from Ramaker for services related to the cemetery including ground scanning and computer software. The PC is going to look over the proposal and give their thoughts.
- d. **Assembly Hall Tables:** The tables in the assembly hall are getting worn and weathered. The board discussed replacing them.

MOTION: To purchase 4 rectangle and 4 round plastic tables for assembly hall, and sell the old ones.

Jeff Ogea, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

- e. **Budget Amendment:** Several projects have come up since the budget adoption in March, which will require an amendment to get them accomplished. There was a brief discussion and a rough figure of possibly \$50,000.00 to cover the expected expenses was approved. When the actual bills come in, a more detailed amendment will be available.
- f. **Phone Box Cover at Fire Hall:** The snowfall from the roof keeps ripping off the phone box at the fire hall. Supervisor Ogea agreed to build a cover for protection.

13. Public Comment: Jim Kippola would like to see a landscape plan for the hall after the removal of the pine trees. Jow Wasie requested a copy of the lot splitting ordinance.

14. Board Member Comments: None

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.