

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, August 09, 2021 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Etelamaki, Jeff Ogea, Chris Grund, Pete Koski, Betty Grund
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Steve Bartanen, Dylan Jurasin
STAFF ABSENT: None
PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Flynn, Marilyn Bridges, Steve Bridges, Jeffrey Roo, Chris Corkin, Pete Corkin, Sandy Flynn, Candace Roo, Caro1001
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4. Approval of Agenda
MOTION: To approve the agenda.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
MOTION: To approve the July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 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: \$1,527,564.49	Road Fund: \$511,464.07
Sanitation Fund: \$440,549.57	Rail Fund: \$327,807.74
Fire/EMS Fund: \$172,479.91	Trust & Agency Fund: \$5,683.74

Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
MOTION: To accept the bills as written with additions.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the FD meeting and Chris Grund attended the PC meeting.
 - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola went over the PC minutes to update the board. A copy of the full PC minutes are available at the hall.
 - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Bartanen was not at the last FD meeting so he referred to the minutes for more information.
 - d. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Dylan Jurasin introduced himself as the new assessor. He stated he will be starting field work from now through December, and gave his contact information.
9. Correspondence
 - a. PC Draft Meeting Minutes-July 2021
 - b. FD Draft Meeting Minutes-June, July, August 2021

- c. Fall Banquet Information
- d. Letter from Jackie Solomon

10. Public Comment: Chris Corkin and Caroline Bridges both requested time to speak on agenda item 11c.

11. Old Business:

a. **Tower Lake:** The Township now has a clear title. It does not appear that legal fees are reimbursable. If the township chooses to sell the property it must still be “for a public purpose.” The board decided to send the issue back to the PC for recommendations.

b. **Cemetery Ordinance Adoption:** Official action needs to be taken to adopt the ordinance.

MOTION: To adopt the cemetery ordinance 2021-02.

Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; Roll Call Vote:

Pete Koski-Aye Chris Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye

Betty Grund-Aye

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

c. **Township Land Sale & Purchase:** For land sales, the PC did not take official action on a recommendation, but Chairman Kippola did highlight some issues. For land sales, the adjacent land use must be reviewed. Possible obligations under the DNR grant would also need to be evaluated. The board should look into a competitive bidding process for potential sales. There is no statute for the PC required for land sale, but there is for land purchase. The Board was presented a proposal for a 0.66 acre of land adjacent to the Township property on Fish Lake for \$8,000.00. The board had a brief discussion on the price and agreed it was much too high. Chris Corkin addressed the issue of the township acquiring that parcel of land, and her concerns surrounding that. Candace Roo spoke briefly on her concerns over potential issues that could arise. Caroline Bridges also voiced her concerns with possible increased use and along with that, the condition of the road. Jim Kippola offered to have the PC review the usability of the lot.

d. **Cemetery Services Proposals:** The PC did review and give their blessing to move forward with the cemetery service proposals. Chairman Kippola would like to speak directly with the company to see if we can get more for our money since it is a substantial investment.

MOTION: To move forward with the purchase of Cemetery Service Proposals with the help of Jim Kippola.

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

12. New Business:

a. **MFR Authority Board Approval:** The board has been asked to take official action on approval or disapproval of creating a West End MFR Authority.

MOTION: To approve moving forward on the MFR Authority.

Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

b. **Niemi Cemetery Plot Request:** The board received a request for 2 cemetery plot purchases.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of 2 burial sites for William Niemi.

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

c. **Donation Distribution:** There was a donation given from the Lloyd Huotari family in appreciation for township services. The board discussed where the money should go.

MOTION: To put the donation towards the Senior Meal Fund.

Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

d. **Ballfield Parking:** Supervisor Ogea discussed clearing trees by the ball field to provide more parking. The board will look into this as a possible task for next year.

e. **PC Member Appointment:** There has been a vacancy on the PC since Jeff Ogea took over as supervisor. He has appointed Chris Grund as the Board representative.

MOTION: To approve Chris Grund as a member of the PC.

Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

- f. **BOR Member:** There is a vacancy on the BOR now that Betty Grund has been appointed to the Township Board. There will be notice that there is an opening on the BOR.
- g. **Sign Quote:** There have been 2 signs at each end of the townhall drive that have become very faded and in need of some maintenance. The board reviewed a quote for a design from Superior Design & Advertising.

MOTION: To move ahead with the sign design purchase.

Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

- h. **FX Road Ordinance Review:** The board reviewed an ordinance for weight limits on County Road FX that was put in place in 2012 to see if it was still relevant. During discussion a new issue was presented, which involves establishing a speed limit on that road. Supervisor Ogea will look into that.

MOTION: To leave ordinance as is.

Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

- 13. Public Comment: Candace Roo commented on the condition of the pavement on Co. Rd. FBC. Jim Kippola stated that he talked with Matt Johnson at Eagle Mine, and they are moving into closure planning. He also requested street light outage reporting be put in the next newsletter.
- 14. Board Member Comments: None
- 15. Adjournment:

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

Chris Grund, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.