

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, October 11, 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
STAFF ABSENT: Dylan Jurasin
PUBLIC PRESENT: Michael Grentz, Jeff Roo, Robert Flynn, Jason McCarthy, Jeff Wood
4. Approval of Agenda
MOTION: To approve the agenda, with addition g. Fish Lake Garbage Sheds
Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
MOTION: To approve the September 16, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes & September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.
Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, 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: \$1,452,605.24	Road Fund: \$512,614.84
Sanitation Fund: \$427,860.99	Rail Fund: \$327,785.08
Fire/EMS Fund: \$170,306.12	Trust & Agency Fund: \$5,634.18

Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
MOTION: To accept the bills as written, with additions.
Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Trustee Koski attended the FD meeting and the MCTA meeting. Treasurer Grund attended the PC meeting, and Clerk Etelamaki attended a Clerks meeting and the WMCSA 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:** Trustee Koski gave a brief summary of the last FD meeting.
 - d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** Dylan Jurasin was absent but emailed a quick update that Clerk Etelamaki read.
9. Correspondence
 - a. PC Draft Meeting Minutes-September 2021
 - b. FD Draft Meeting Minutes-None
 - c. Letter from Christine Hoiem

10. Public Comment: None

11. Old Business:

- a. **Tower Lake:** Future development plans for the Tower Lake property will be addressed in the upcoming Recreation Plan Update.
- b. **Township Land Sale:** The township deeds are currently being reviewed by the attorney.
- c. **Cemetery Services Proposals:** A total of three proposals were received and reviewed by the Cemetery Committee. Various factors were used for evaluation and a recommendation by the committee was forwarded to the Board for consideration.

MOTION: To move forward with contracting with TriMedia on the Cemetery Project.

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

- d. **Road Planning 2022:** The MCRC is requesting a list of planned road improvements for the 2022 year. Supervisor Ogea and Clerk Etelamaki took a ride around the township to evaluate which roads were priorities. Based on several factors, they made a recommendation to the Board for a few roads to be repaired in 2022.

MOTION: To put County Roads FD and FJ on the 2022 paving schedule and County Road FQ on the 2022 gravel schedule.

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

12. New Business:

- a. **Mike Grentz-Audit Review:** Mike went over the township audit and stated everything is good. There are no issues with the township finances or record keeping.
- b. **Jason McCarthy Presentation:** The township is in need of an updated Recreation Plan as it is over 5 years old. Jason gave the board a presentation on his qualifications and skills for assisting the township with an updated Recreation Plan and minor zoning amendments. He comes with lots of experience and success.

MOTION: To move forward with hiring Jason McCarthy to update the township's Recreation Plan and zoning amendments.

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

- c. **MJ & Sons Contracting, LLC Proposal:** The board received an estimate to install a concrete apron at the fire hall. Weather may be a factor on if it can still be done this fall or will have to wait until the spring.

MOTION: To have MJ & Sons Contracting, LLC pour the apron this year if weather allows.

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

- d. **Short-term Rentals:** There has been an uptick in inquiries about short term rentals in the township. It is not specifically addressed in the zoning ordinance. The board decided to have the PC take it under consideration.

- e. **Trailer for Cemetery:** Supervisor Ogea stated the need for a power dump trailer to hold dirt at the cemetery for grave openings.

MOTION: To purchase a small power trailer.

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

- f. **Janitorial Help:** The board discussed the option to hire additional help for the cleaning of the hall.

MOTION: To hire help for janitorial duties.

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

- g. **Fish Lake Garbage Shed Roofs:** Supervisor Ogea noticed that the roofs on the garbage sheds are in great need of repair. The board agreed to seek someone to fix them.

13. Public Comment: Robert Flynn inquired about getting gravel for the road at the end of FD. Supervisor Ogea stated that the township cannot pay for private road improvements.

14. Board Member Comments: None

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.

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

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk