

**HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP**  
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**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, December 14, 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:** Pete Koski, Chris Grund, Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund
  - MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sarah Etelamaki
  - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola, Steve Bartanen
  - STAFF ABSENT:** None
  - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Jim Lindholm, Ryan Peurach, Robert Flynn, Adam Book
4. Approval of Agenda
  - MOTION: To approve the agenda with addition e. Jim Lindholm**  
**Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
  - MOTION: To approve the November 08, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.**  
**Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, 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:**

<b>General Fund: \$1,480,734.51</b>	<b>Road Fund: \$512,606.86</b>
<b>Sanitation Fund: \$422,602.93</b>	<b>Rail Fund: \$327,762.42</b>
<b>Fire/EMS Fund: \$152,909.90</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency Fund: \$5,584.63</b>

**Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
  - MOTION: To accept the bills as written, with additions.**  
**Jeff Ogea, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
  - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Trustee Koski went to the FD meeting.  
Treasurer 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 gave a brief summary of the last FD meeting, and stated there were no calls last month.
  - d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** Dylan Jurasin was absent. Supervisor Ogea reported that Dylan has been out in the township and has discovered some properties that have not been assessed properly.
9. Correspondence
  - a. PC Draft Meeting Minutes
  - b. FD Draft Meeting Minutes
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:

- a. **Township Land Sale:** The Board has received requests from 2 property owners to purchase a few acres of adjoining land that are owned by the township. Betty Grund is requesting 5 acres that connects to her property and Adam Book is requesting 2 acres that adjoin his property. Both parties would like the land so they can put up pole barns. MTA had been contacted and it is legal to do so as long as the land is sold at fair market value.

**MOTION: To move forward with assessment for fair market values.**

**Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

- b. **Garbage Issues at Granite Lake:** Supervisor Ogea talked with Jim Brennan, Republic Supervisor, and he is talking with his board to possibly put an ordinance in place. Each resident would have to have their own container with name.

12. New Business:

- a. **GICOA Contract for Senior Services:** The Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging is requesting a signed contract be put in place for services they offer to the township seniors.

**MOTION: To enter into agreement with GICOA.**

**Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

- b. **2022 Board Meeting Schedule:** The board reviewed the proposed 2022 meeting schedule.

**MOTION: To approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2022.**

**Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

- c. **West End Emergency Services Authority Articles of Incorporation:** The board reviewed a copy of the draft Articles. Discussion took place regarding several issues that were unclear. They would like someone to come give more detailed information and possibly have our attorney review.

- d. **Extra Police Patrols with Neighboring Townships:** There has been a request to discuss the Townships of Humboldt, Champion, and Michigamee entering into a contract with the Sheriff's Department for extra patrols on the West End. The three townships would share the cost. More information is needed before a decision is made.

- e. **Jim Lindholm:** Mr. Lindholm requested to be on the agenda regarding the removal of a vehicle by Harssila's on his rental property a few months ago. There was discussion on who authorized it, and if he is entitled to compensation. The car had been tagged by the Sheriff's Department and was in the right of way impeding the paving project taking place on County Road FA. Mr. Lindholm claims there was property inside the vehicle that he never got. Trustee Koski is going to speak to Harssila's to try to get more information.

13. Public Comment: None

14. Board Member Comments: Supervisor Ogea stated there was a donation made by Jerry Paquette for the kids Christmas Party. Betty Grund thanked the board members for their consideration of land sale.

15. Adjournment:

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.**

**Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**