

**HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP**  
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**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022 – 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, Sarah Etelamaki  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Bartanen, Dylan Jurasin, Jim Kippola  
**STAFF ABSENT:** None  
**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Tom Prophet, Carrie Hair, John Hair, Tabitha Hair, Jeremy Laakso, Sanford Pesola
4. Approval of Agenda  
**MOTION: To approve the agenda as written.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes  
**MOTION: To approve the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.**  
**Chris Grund, 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: \$1,593,029.93</b>	<b>Road Fund: \$198,907.33</b>
<b>Sanitation Fund: \$445,589.26</b>	<b>Rail Fund: \$327,740.18</b>
<b>Fire/EMS Fund: \$197,450.56</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency Fund: \$5,535.09</b>

**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:  
**MOTION: To accept the bills as written.**  
**Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
  - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** None
  - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola gave a summary report of what the PC has been working on with more info to come as there was no meeting in January.
  - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Bartanen gave a brief summary of the last FD meeting. One FF has turned in a retirement letter. There were a couple of calls recently. Full minutes are on file.
  - d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** Dylan Jurasin stated that change notices are about to get sent out.
9. Correspondence
  - a. League of Women Voters Email
  - b. Steve Pellinen Letter
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:

- a. **Township Land Sale:** No new information to report.
- b. **West End Emergency Services Authority Articles of Incorporation:** Ely Township Supervisor Jeremy Laakso was present to answer questions from the Board. He stated that adopting the Articles is just the first step and once we have the Authority established, then we can work out the details.  
**MOTION: To adopt the Resolution to form the West End Emergency Services Authority. Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- c. **Fire Fighter Pay Request:** Clerk Etelamaki has been crunching numbers and going over the financials. The Fire/EMS fund is a little complicated due to past millages that were not properly separated out. She suggested discussing the issue at the budget workshop when things can be more thoroughly explained. The board agreed to do so.

12. New Business:

- a. **Rail Lease:** The rail lease that was in place with Mineral Range expired in September 2021. Mineral Range was supposed to notify the Township 6 months prior to expiration if they wished to continue leasing the land. No such communication was ever made. Clerk Etelamaki and Supervisor Ogea met with Matt Johnson of Eagle Mine to discuss the issue and possible solutions. He is going to get more information and get back to us.
- b. **Budget Amendments:** Clerk Etelamaki presented several small budget amendments that needed to be approved. The overall budget only changed slightly.  
**MOTION: To approve the proposed budget amendments. Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- c. **Poverty Exemption Guidelines:** Assessor Jurasin provided the 2022 updated poverty exemption guidelines.
- d. **Board of Review Alternate Meeting Dates Resolution:** A resolution was presented to change the March meeting dates to accommodate the assessor's schedule. Assessor Jurasin didn't think a resolution was necessary if the meetings were still in the same week per the MTA. The Board voted anyway just to have it in place if need be.  
**MOTION: To adopt the resolution for the change in BOR March meeting dates. Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- e. **Budget Workshop-Schedule:** The board discussed dates for the workshop to be held before the March Budget Hearing. It is set for March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

13. Public Comment: None

14. Board Member Comments: Trustee B. Grund commented that it's nice to see the ice rink getting used.

15. Adjournment:

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm.**

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