

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Pete Koski, Chris Grund, Sarah Etelamaki
 - MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
 - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola
 - STAFF ABSENT:** Dylan Jurasin, Steve Bartanen
 - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Tom Prophet
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda.**
 - Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the December 12, 2022 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: \$1,968,225.76	Road Fund: \$481,219.44
Sanitation Fund: \$523,595.92	Rail Fund: \$404,851.12
Fire/EMS Fund: \$341,061.72	Trust & Agency Fund: \$7,353.12

 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
 - MOTION: To accept the bills as written.**
 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the FD. Sarah Etelamaki attended the WMCSWA meeting. Jeff Ogea attended the WETESA meeting.
 - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC.
 - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Pete Koski gave a brief report on fire runs that happened since the last meeting.
 - d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** Dylan Jurasin was absent.
9. Correspondence
 - a. FD Meeting Minutes
 - b. MCSWMA Letter
 - c. WE Energies Letter
 - d. DNR Notification Letter
 - e. MCTA 2023 Schedule

f. WMCSWA 2023 Schedule

g. MCRC Notice

10. Public Comment: None

11. Old Business:

- a. **Cemetery Fence:** Clerk Etelamaki contacted GI Site Solutions for landscaping and they are interested in the project. More communication to come.
- b. **Schedule of Fees Amendment:** Due to the increasing costs of mostly advertising, the fees for certain zoning permits are not covering the Township's expenses. Discussion took place on how to approach the defaults.

MOTION: To amend the fees for Rezoning to \$450.00, Variances to \$600.00, Conditional Use and Class A Non-conforming Permits to \$400.00.

Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; Roll Call Vote:

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

Betty Grund-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye

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

12. New Business:

- a. **Helen Casey Lake Garbage Shed Issues:** The Board is faced once again with misuse of the garbage sheds out by Helen and Casey Lakes. It is increasing in frequency and costs for the Township to continually clean it up. Several ideas were discussed including removal of the sheds and zoning regulations. The Board will send a representative to the association meeting to discuss the issues directly with the members.

- b. **PC Appointment:** With the vacancy on the PC and only one applicant, the Board decided it was time to appoint the individual.

MOTION: To reach out to Matt Eliason for the PC appointment.

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

- c. **Firehall Septice Issues:** There have been ongoing issues with the septic pump at the firehall. Supervisor Ogea reached out to Hamel Septic who is going to replace the float which should resolve the issue.

- d. **2023 Mileage Rate Increase:** The IRS has increased the mileage rate for 2023 and the Board typically matches that rate for the Township.

MOTION: To increase the milage rate to current IRS rate of 65.5 cents per mile.

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

13. Public Comment: None

14. Board Member Comments: Sarah Etelamaki gave Kudos to Pete Koski for figuring out why the Firehall electric bill was so high for the past year.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm.

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

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk