

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, June 12, 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, Sarah Etelamaki, Pete Koski
 - MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chris Grund
 - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola
 - STAFF ABSENT:** Steve Bartanen, Dylan Jurasin
 - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Tom Prophet, Bob Brandt, Adam Book
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda.**
 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the May 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes & May 18 Special Meeting Minutes.**
 - Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, 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:**

General Fund: \$2,446,317.55	Road Fund: \$590,713.04
Sanitation Fund: \$558,311.44	Rail Fund: \$463,209.12
Fire/EMS Fund: \$501,480.96	Trust & Agency Fund: \$7,482.54

 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
 - MOTION: To accept the bills as presented.**
 - Betty Grund, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski reported on the Fire Department meeting. Jeff Ogea gave a brief report of the WETESA meeting. Sarah Etelamaki reported on a Clerk meeting. Betty Grund reported on the MCTA meeting.
 - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
 - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Pete Koski gave a quick update on Fire Department news.
 - d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** Jeff Ogea updated the Board on Dylan Jurasin's verbal report from an earlier conversation.
9. Correspondence
 - a. FD Minutes-May 3, 2023
 - b. PC Minutes-May 22,2023
 - c. WETESAMinutes-May 10, 2023

- d. Resident Letter
 - e. Letter from Linda Talsma Re: Clerk Wages & Added Duties
10. Public Comment: Jim Kippola requested input on the MCRC draft letter.
11. Old Business:
- a. **Cemetery Fence:** All the Burning Bush shrubs have been planted. Holsworth is interested in doing the entrance pillars in the fall.
 - b.
12. New Business:
- a. **Right of Way Request Letter:** The Board is drafting a letter to send to the MCRC to reduce the old highway setbacks currently in place on County Road FNO to allow for more expansion access on Township property. This would better allow for current and future Recreation plans.
 - b. **JL Builders LLC Proposal for Pavilion Expansion:** A quote was received on a 6 foot expansion for the current pavilion at the park. Discussion took place and it was decided to request quotes on at least 2 bigger expansion measurements.
 - c. **Hourly Employee Wages/Duties/Evaluations/Procedures:** The Board has been asked to review current hourly wages and duties for the few employees we have and consider implementing some sort of procedure for incremental raises. There is currently nothing in place and it is crucial to retain the help we have. Discussion took place and the Board Members will revisit the issue next month with ideas.
 - d. **PC Board Seat Fulfillment:** Last month Treasurer Grund resigned his position on the Planning Commission due to work schedule conflicts. Supervisor Ogea made the recommendation to appoint Trustee Koski as the Board representative.
MOTION: To accept Jeff Ogea's appointment of Trustee Koski to the vacant Township Board Seat on the Planning Commission.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Roll Call Vote: Betty Grund-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Pete Koski-Abstain Motion Carried
 - e. **MTPP Election Ballot:** A ballot was sent and received for Zone 1 for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors with James Nankervis as the only nominee. The Board agreed to cast the vote and send in.
 - f. **MTA Annual Dues and Extra Options:** The annual dues for MTA are due along with optional additions for online education subscriptions. It was discussed and decided not to subscribe and just pay the regular renewal.
13. Public Comment: Jim Kippola gave a reminder about PC meeting start times and the IOHT millage.
14. Board Member Comments: Jeff Ogea stated he received a request for a volleyball court and he gave an update on the dump days and fishing derby. Pete Koski talked about a request for a disc golf course. Sarah Etelamaki gave a baseball field update.
15. Adjournment:
- MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm.**
Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk