

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, July 10, 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, Dylan Jurasin, Steve Bartanen(arrived late)
 - STAFF ABSENT:** None
 - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Bob Brandt, Bob Flynn
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda.**
 - Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
 - Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, 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: \$2,441,827.21	Road Fund: \$593,360.20
Sanitation Fund: \$553,975.12	Rail Fund: \$464,820.12
Fire/EMS Fund: \$499,410.95	Trust & Agency Fund: \$7,335.99

 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
 - MOTION: To accept the bills as presented with additions.**
 - Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, 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 Clerks meeting and the WMCSWA 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:** Dylan Jurasin reported that the industrial and commercial assessments are starting Tuesday. After that, field work will begin at the south end of the township.
9. Correspondence
 - a. PC Minutes-June 26,2023
 - b. WETESA Minutes- June 14, 2023
 - c. MCSWMA June Update
 - d. Michigamme Highlands Property Tours

e. MCRC Annual Financial Report-On File

10. Public Comment: None

11. Old Business:

a.

12. New Business:

- a. **Hourly Employee Wages/Duties/Evaluations/Procedures:** There was more discussion on the current wages and duties for hourly employees and proposed raises. Also discussed was asking neighboring townships what kind of policies they have in place for giving raises and potential benefits.

MOTION: To put into place the suggested raises for maintenance, maintenance help, and administration, and to look into putting a policy in place.

Betty Grund, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

- b. **Assessor Contract Renewal:** Dylan Jurasin's assessing contract is up for renewal. Discussion took place regarding the terms of the contract.

MOTION: To accept the Assessor's contract as proposed starting 8-1-2023 through 7-31-2025 with the wage increases as presented.

Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried

13. Public Comment: Bob Brandt requested a flag pole be installed in the cemetery and he is willing to install solar lights for it. He also made a suggestion for a shooting range at the Tower lake property.

Bob Flynn stated that he recently had to call 911 and the ambulance took 45 minutes and there was no EMS response.

Jim Kippola stated he thinks the flag pole at the cemetery is a great idea.

14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Koski announced that a former Humboldt Township resident was just named Michigan Principal of the year! He is also going to contact the UP Disc golf association to get an opinion on a course here.

Clerk Etelamaki stated that last year's road bills came in lower than budgeted.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.

Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk