

**HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP**  
**244 CO. RD. FAF**  
**CHAMPION, MICHIGAN 49814**  
PH(906)339-2927 FAX(906)339-4431

**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, August 14, 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, Chris Grund
  - MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
  - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola
  - STAFF ABSENT:** None
  - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Bob Brandt, Bob Flynn
4. Approval of Agenda
  - MOTION: To approve the agenda with addition e. County Rd FK**
  - Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
  - MOTION: To approve the July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
  - Jeff Ogea, Moved; Betty 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:**

<b>General Fund: \$2,443,962.66</b>	<b>Road Fund: \$489,531.62</b>
<b>Sanitation Fund: \$549,914.92</b>	<b>Rail Fund: \$466,491.61</b>
<b>Fire/EMS Fund: \$491,711.86</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency Fund: \$7,413.41</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 presented.**
  - Jeff Ogea, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 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.
  - 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:** Supervisor Ogea stated field work is starting.
9. Correspondence
  - a. PC Minutes- July 24,2023
  - b. WETESA Minutes- July 12, 2023
  - c. ATC Maintenance Awareness Letter
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:
  - a.

12. New Business:

- a. **MCRC Annual Chip Sealing Program 2024:** The annual letter for chip sealing was received. The Board discussed any potential projects but did not identify any for next year.
- b. **Baseball Field Backstop:** The backstop on the current field needs to be moved for the upcoming hardball season. JC Fencing is able to start the job after Labor Day. The Board discussed using the funds from logging the property to pay for the job.

**MOTION: To approve \$3000 for moving of the backstop by JC Fence.**

**Jeff Ogea, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried**

- c. **Disc Golf Course:** Trustee Koski met with the UP Disc Golf association and they stated the cleared property on the east side of FNO has great potential for a course. Funding and cost estimates were discussed. It was agreed to add it to the Rec Plan for grant eligibility.
- d. **WETESA Articles Amendment:** A draft resolution was presented to amend part of the Articles of Incorporation for leasing township equipment.

**MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2023-03 to amend the WETESA Articles of Incorporation.**

**Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, 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.**

- e. **County Road FK:** There is a small portion of Co Rd FK that was not initially included on the schedule to be paved this summer. Supervisor Ogea spoke to the MCRC and was told it would be a small tonnage addition. The Board agreed to have it included with the road work this summer.

13. Public Comment: Jim Kippola stated he is seeking forestry input for township property and there were 3 companies recommended. He also made comments on the cemetery masonry work this fall and incorporating the flag. Bob Brandt had a few comments regarding township property ideas, erecting better Township signage, and hiring a grant writer.

14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Koski inquired about neighboring property. Supervisor Ogea gave recognition to Bob Brandt for the flag lighting project. He also stated the Fish Lake level is high and Trustee Koski may try to fly a drone to see if there is a beaver dam. Clerk Etelamaki encouraged the use of the new free library.

15. Adjournment:

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.**

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

---

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk