

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, September 11, 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, Steve Bartanen
 - STAFF ABSENT:** None
 - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Bob Brandt, Tim Kopacz
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.**
 - Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the August 14, 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:**

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| General Fund: \$2,441,063.29 | Road Fund: \$491,192.83 |
| Sanitation Fund: \$546,618.67 | Rail Fund: \$468,111.75 |
| Fire/EMS Fund: \$485,538.26 | Trust & Agency Fund: \$7,439.53 |

 - 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; 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.
 - 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:** Steve Bartanen stated that a grant was applied for and he is hopeful for approval. He presented a quote for a portable tank system.
 - MOTION: To purchase the portable tank as presented.**
 - Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
 - d. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
 - a. PC Minutes- August 28,2023
 - b. WETESA Minutes- August 9, 2023
 - c. MCSWMA Letter

10. Public Comment: None

11. Old Business:

- a. **Disc Golf Course Update:** Trustee Koski introduced Tim Kopacz of the UP Disc Golf Association. Mr. Kopacz gave a bunch of information on the sport and how to build and maintain a course. The UPDGA is able to help with the design of a 9 or 18 hole course on the newly cleared land east and west of County Rd FNO. Jim Kippola stated we could save on costs if we couple the design with the Complex Site plan. Design and possible grant work can be done over the winter months.
MOTION: To move forward with the UP Disc Golf Association to design a disc golf course. Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motin Carried.

12. New Business:

- a. **Forestry RFP:** PC Chairman Kippola worked in conjunction with Ken Salo to develop a draft RFP for timber management on Township owned property. Thorough research was done and a small list of foresters was compiled to send the RFP to. The Board agreed to send the RFP out asap to those on the list.
- b. **Culvert Replacement:** The spring flooding in April and May caused much damage to the culvert and road on County Rd FA. The MCRC has been pursuing funding through FEMA and grants to help with the costs of damage. A grant became available which needed to be acted on quickly through the State Disaster Contingency Fund. It requires a point person to act on behalf of the Township. If approved, the grant could bring in a decent amount of money to help offset replacement of the twin culverts.
**MOTION: To appoint Sarah Etelamaki as the point of contact for the Section 19 grant. Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; Roll Call Vote:
Pete Koski-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Betty Grund-Aye
Sarah Etelamaki-Aye 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**

13. Public Comment: Bob Brandt spoke about the Eagle Mine Sustainability report and encouraged the Board to read it. He also had suggestions for solar or wind power at the Tower Lake property and would like the Board to pursue solar ordinances.

14. Board Member Comments: None

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

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

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk