

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, October 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, Sarah Etelamaki, Pete Koski, Chris Grund
 - MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
 - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola
 - STAFF ABSENT:** None
 - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Bob Brandt, Tom Prophet, Ron Meyer, Gunnar Meyer
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.**
 - Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the September 11, 2023 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: \$2,437,414.24	Road Fund: \$476,740.17
Sanitation Fund: \$540,065.78	Rail Fund: \$469,631.97
Fire/EMS Fund: \$486,772.04	Trust & Agency Fund: \$7,464.08

 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
 - MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.**
 - Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski reported on the Fire Department meeting and updated the Board on the latest news. Betty Grund stated that there was a subpoena for the Treasurer, but the court did not make them stay unless needed. Sarah Etelamaki reported on a Clerk's meeting and the WMCSA 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:** Trustee Koski reported (see above).
 - d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
 - a. PC Minutes- September 25, 2023
 - b. WETESA Minutes- September 13, 2023
 - c. MCSWMA Special Meeting Minutes-October 5, 2023
10. Public Comment: None

11. Old Business:

a.

12. New Business:

- a. **Mike Grentz-Audit Report:** Mike Grentz gave a review of the Audit. We have an unmodified opinion, and it is a relatively good audit report.
- b. **ZMA-2023-01-Meyer:** Jim Kippola summarized the application and gave reasons why/how the PC came to their recommendation despite the County PC having a differing opinion. Short discussion followed.

MOTION: To approve the rezoning as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; Roll Call Vote:

Pete Koski-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Betty Grund-Aye

Sarah Etelamaki-Aye Chris Grund-Aye 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

- c. **Early Voting Resolution:** With the implementation of Proposal 2 in 2022, there now has to be 9 days of in person voting offered. With small Townships and limited workers, many are consolidating voting locations. In order to do so, there must be an agreed upon site, coordinated by the County Clerk.

MOTION: To adopt the Early Voting Location for Humboldt voters to be established at the Tilden Township Hall as set by the County Clerk.

Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund; Supported; Roll Call Vote:

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

Sarah Etelamaki-Aye Betty Grund-Aye 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

- d. **2024 HMA Paving Projects:** The annual request for 2024 projects is due by October 18th. Jeff Ogea is meeting with the MCRC on Wednesday and will ask about the schedule for 601.

MOTION: To put FY, FI, and FN-N as the priority projects for 2024 depending on 601 County plans.

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

- e. **Pine Shears Estimate for Tree Removal:** Jeff Ogea received an estimate for removal of several trees at the Townhall, Cemetery, and Fish Lake Boat Launch. There was a question regarding the recent RFP sent out and if removing any trees would affect the work in the RFP. PC Chair, Kippola stated to possibly wait unless there is a health or safety issue. The Board discussed each location.

MOTION: To move forward with tree removal at the cemetery and boat launch areas with Pine Shears.

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

- f. **North Country Surveying Scope of Work:** PC Chair Kippola went over the scope of work document and answered any questions. The Board told him to let Thad know project 1 can be costed out immediately.

13. Public Comment: Tom Prophet stated he heard the life of the mine will be until 2029. Bob Brandt commented on the Township financial status. He would like the Township to pursue solar projects.

14. Board Member Comments: None

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm.

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

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk