

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting
Monday, November 13, 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, Emily Massie, Bob Hendrickson
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.**
 - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the October 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
 - Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, 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: \$2,434,137.80	Road Fund: \$373,857.10
Sanitation Fund: \$536,652.74	Rail Fund: \$471,208.97
Fire/EMS Fund: \$473,810.60	Trust & Agency Fund: \$7,89.53

 - 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.**
 - Chris Grund, 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. Betty Grund attended the MCTA meeting and gave a report.
 - 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- October 23, 2023
 - b. WETESA Minutes- October 11, 2023
10. Public Comment: Bob Brandt commented on solar farm regulation. Jim Kippola stated the current ZO does regulate solar farms.
11. Old Business:
 - a. None

12. New Business:

- a. **Bob Hendrickson-IOHT:** Mr. Hendrickson introduced himself as the new head of the IOHT. He reported on the trail and bridge repair done within Humboldt Township. He stated that the money is depleted and that Republic is going to try for a millage again in November 2024. Jim Kippola supported HT running it on our ballot as well.
- b. **North Country Surveying Proposal:** The TB received the proposal from North Country Surveying to do the work that was discussed at October's meeting. All of which helps the future recreation plans for HT.
MOTION: To approve the proposal from North Country Surveying to do proposed work. Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
- c. **Christmas Party Funds Approval:** It's once again time for the annual Christmas party. Jeannie & Jim Carlise will host. Funds are requested to provide snacks and supplies for the party.
MOTION: To approve \$300.00 for funds for the Christmas party. Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund; Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
- d. **Forestry RFPs:** The deadline for the Forestry RFPs was November 6th. The Board received 3 proposals. Upon review, discussion and a recommendation from the review team, a proposal was accepted.
MOTION: To accept the proposal from Caretaker Forestry. Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
- e. **Ishpeming Fire Department request for Funds:** Every year during Fire Prevention Week the Ishpeming FD and other local departments present and teach the kids at Aspen Ridge about fire safety. The FD is requesting help with funds for supplies to offset the cost to their FD.
MOTION: To send \$300.00 to the Ishpeming Fire Department for Fire Prevention supplies. Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
- f. **PC Memo:** PC Chair Kippola stated there has been several inquiries from the public regarding a possible solar farm located within Humboldt Township. As there is no application or official information on file, the PC is asking the Board to reach out to the company for information. Trustee Koski suggested an evening timeframe so more people can attend.

13. Public Comment: Emily Massie introduced herself as the new Deputy Clerk.

14. Board Member Comments: Clerk Etelamaki stated that at the Eagle Mine forum, they gave an update on a future closing date that is now moved to 2029.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

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

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk