

**HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP**  
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**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 11, 2024 – 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, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
  - MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
  - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola
  - STAFF ABSENT:** None
  - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Bob Brandt, Amber Kantola, Lisa Mikkola, Chuck Kantola, Pam Johnson, Randy Girard
4. Approval of Agenda
  - MOTION: To approve the agenda.**
  - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
  - MOTION: To approve the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, and March 4, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.**
  - Betty Grund, 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:**

<b>General Fund: \$2,557,548.79</b>	<b>Road Fund: \$243,619.13</b>
<b>Sanitation Fund: \$575,883.24</b>	<b>Rail Fund: \$531,735.09</b>
<b>Fire/EMS Fund: \$522,885.27</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency Fund: \$7,589.68</b>

  - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
  - MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.**
  - Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
  - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the Fire Department meeting and gave a summary. Jeff Ogea attended the WETESA meeting and the MCRC meeting. Sarah Etelamaki attended the PC 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 reported on under Board Member Committee meetings.
  - d. **ASSESOR REPORT: None**
9. Correspondence
  - a. PC Minutes
  - b. WETESA Minutes
  - c. Helen Lake Letter

10. Public Comment: Randy Girard introduced himself and stated he is running for the 109<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives. Bob Brandt stated he would like to see the Assessor and the Fire Chief at more meetings. He also had questions on his tax assessment.
11. Old Business:
- a. **Forestry Plan:** The Board is waiting for the Forester to come back from vacation to give a presentation on his plan which will probably take place at the May meeting.
12. New Business:
- a. **Spring/Fall Clean-up Dates:** The Board set the Spring and Fall clean-up dates as follows: June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. **IOHT Millage Consideration:** After a brief discussion the Board plans to put the question to the voters on the November ballot.
  - c. **Dust Control Contract:** The Board received the 2024 Dust Control Contract and discussed.  
**MOTION: To accept the 2024 dust control contract.**  
**Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
  - d. **Baseball Fence Estimate:** The estimate received was much higher than anticipated. It was decided to have Supervisor Ogea call Marquette and Delta Fence to get quotes.
  - e. **WETESA Resolution:** A resolution for Humboldt's contribution to the WETESA budget was introduced based on population.  
**MOTION: To authorize the 2024 WETESA authority expenditure.**  
**Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; Roll Call Vote:**  
**Pete Koski-Aye      Chris Grund-Aye      Betty Grund-Aye      Jeff Ogea-Aye**  
**Sarah Etelamaki-Aye                      5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.**
  - f. **Budget Amendments/Salary Resolutions:** A final budget amendment for FY 2023-2024 was provided for all funds as of March 11, 2024. The Board is proud to say that overall, the Use of Funds only had to cover \$2,200 in the General Fund. Individual Resolutions were also presented for Board Salaries as discussed at the budget work session.  
**MOTION: To approve the budget amendments for all funds as presented.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION: To approve the Supervisor salary at \$780.00 per month.**  
**Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; Roll Call Vote:**  
**Chris Grund-Aye      Betty Grund-Aye      Jeff Ogea-Aye      Sarah Etelamaki-Aye**  
**Pete Koski-Nay      4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION: To approve the Clerk salary at \$1,248.00 per month.**  
**Chris Grund, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; Roll Call Vote:**  
**Chris Grund-Aye      Betty Grund-Aye      Jeff Ogea-Aye      Sarah Etelamaki-Aye**  
**Pete Koski-Nay      4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION: To approve the Treasurer salary at \$884.00 per month.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; Roll Call Vote:**  
**Chris Grund-Aye      Betty Grund-Aye      Jeff Ogea-Aye      Sarah Etelamaki-Aye**  
**Pete Koski-Nay      4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION: To approve the Trustee salary at \$260.00 per month.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; Roll Call Vote:**  
**Chris Grund-Aye      Betty Grund-Aye      Jeff Ogea-Aye      Sarah Etelamaki-Aye**  
**Pete Koski-Nay      4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**
  - g. **Budget Hearing:** Supervisor Ogea opened the budget hearing at 7:46pm. He summarized the budget and stated there was no written public comment. He opened the hearing to public comment.

Bob Brandt questioned why the Township pays Republic for garbage. Supervisor Ogea closed the hearing to public comment at 7:53pm. The Board had no deliberations.

**MOTION: To adjourn the budget hearing at 7:54pm.**

**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**

**MOTION: To adopt the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act.**

**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported;**

**Roll Call Vote: Chris Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Betty Grund-Aye**

**Sarah Etelamaki-Aye Pete Koski-Aye 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.**

13. Public Comment: Amber Kantola of the Helen Lake Association requested to be notified regarding Helen Lake issues. Randy Girard mentioned other meetings he has coming up.
14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Koski mentioned some grant possibilities through the West End Health Foundation that could help with the disc golf course. Clerk Etelamaki let the Helen Lake Association members know that letters are coming for the garbage shed lock codes.
15. Adjournment:

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.**

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

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Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk