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**January 14, 2008**  
(All Meetings Are Recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka called the regular meeting of the Humboldt Township Board to order at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, with one member absent:

Supervisor – Marvin Ruspakka  
Treasurer - Barbara Mackey  
Clerk – Jill Rankinen - absent  
Trustee –Marline Worth  
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten

**ATTENDENCE:** Ron Norkoli, Jackie Koski, Joseph Wasie, Brad Quayle, Gary Laitala, Tom Prophet and Joe Derocha.

**M/S/C to approve the minutes: (Barb/Tyrone).** Corrections were noted and changed.

**M/S/C to approve the agenda (Marline/Barb):** Add under New Business: D. Board of Review training.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jackie recommended we have the people doing this research on Libraries come in and let them write down residents from our books themselves.

Marvin stated that Heritage trail resolution wasn't received so Jill will resend it.

Marvin thanked Tom for cutting the tree down on the pond.

Joe Wasie would like to give an older Polaroid camera to the township. Barb asked if she could look at it.

**M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's Report (Jill/Tyrone).**

**COMMMITEE REPORTS:**

Marvin went to the following meetings:

1. **Marquette Co. Rd. Commission** – Seasonal road and what to do with them. Private property owners are not allowed to plow snow onto the County roads.
2. **Board of Review** – only two changes.

Barbara reported on the following:

1. **Fire Department** – Next meeting on January 22, 2008.

Marline reported on the following meeting.

1. **West End Land Fill** – Talking about a raise. Next meeting in March.

Jill reported on the following meeting.

1. Two election meetings - information on upcoming elections. Jackie came with me to the meetings. Have to have an ID to vote.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 6988 through 7067.

**M/S/C to approve the bills. (Marline/Tyrone)**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (This information will be on file for one year)

1. **Letter from Norine Maki** – Denying she had said anything disrespectful.
2. **Marquette County Treasurer** - Kennel Inspections are done by the Sheriff's Department. Zoning compliance is not considered in the kennel statute or the Michigan Department of Agriculture rules. December 6 there was meeting where they had a follow-up of Idea Exchange.
3. **Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library** – Minutes of Library Board.
4. **American Transmission Company** – About coming and speaking with the Board on the critical role the transmission system plays in bringing power to people and places and potential projects in our community.
5. **Thank you from the Rosten families** for having the sleigh rides and Santa. They had a great time.
6. **Signs at Helen Lake** – M/S/C to buy signs for the North and South Shores of Helen Lake (Marline/Jill).
7. **West End Library request** – to come and get list of residents in Humboldt.
8. **Elf Site Update** – Paul Arsenault is almost done with the letter.
9. **Board of County Road Commissioners** – 2008 Meeting Schedule.
10. **Marquette County Road** – information on updating dust control.
11. **Heritage Trail Info**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **EMS Board report** -Meeting this month, January 22.
- B. **Planning Commission** – Zoning Application for conditional use permit to construct an airstrip. Question on fuel for planes and where it would be stored. Amendment of Zoning map – Ken Fortin.
- C. **Board of Review Replacement**- 4 applications – Lorraine Palmer, Ernest Harju, Katherine Kososki and Sam Pesola.

**Board went in to Closed Section:** Returned 10 minutes later with a vote of 3 to 2 that Sanford Pesola is the new replacement for Terry Gilmer's position.  
**M/S/C to accept Sanford Pesola as the new Board of Review Member (Barb/Tyrone).**

**Board of Review Training- M/S/C to send Norine Maki and Sanford Pesola to the upcoming training meeting (Marline/Tyrone).**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **P.A. System** – M/S/C to go out on bid (Jill/Barb)
- B. **Air Conditioning** – M/S/C not to request bids, and have Tyrone do the job as he is donating his labor (Jill/Barb).
- C. **Fish for Dam** – M/S/C to buy 400 more fish for the pond (Marline/Tyrone).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Jackie questioned the charge of hall use for a wedding reception. She thought it was \$100 not \$25. Barb stated it was \$100.00 for wedding receptions. Marline was unaware of this but will make sure next time. Deposit can't be given back until Marline checks with Dave to see if the hall was left as it was found when rented.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen, Clerk