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February 11, 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 no members absent:

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

ATTENDENCE: Ron Norkoli, Jackie Koski, Joseph Wasie, Chad Filizetti, Gary Laitala, Tom Prophet, Chris Pelkola and Jim Bjerne.

M/S/C to approve the minutes: (Marline/Barb). Marvin note to change that Jill was not absent. Marvin also felt more should have been said about the Letter from Norine Maki. Jill question what he would like stated in the minutes. Marvin stated that the incident involved Jill and her comments about Norine over 6 months ago.

M/S/C to approve the agenda (Tyrone/Barb):

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Marvin talked about the work bee the planning commission had earlier that week to work on the last bridge.

Marvin stated that he is keeping track of the number of copies that are being used on the copy machine. Last month almost 1000 copies were made.

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

COMMMITEE REPORTS:

Marvin went to the following meetings:

1. **Marquette Co. Planners** –Jim Kippola & Thyra Karlstrom spoke about the FEMA and signs resolution

Barbara reported on the following:

1. **Fire Department/ EMS** – EMS- 4 runs last month. Next meeting on March 29, 2008.
2. **Central Dispatch** – To get on the no call list call 888-382-1222.

Jill reported on the following meeting.

1. **MTCA - Sheriff** Lovelace spoke about the cutbacks and how his Deputies have little time to do what needs to be done. Kevin Koch spoke and is running for District Court Judge.
2. **Elections -**

Marline reported on the following meeting.

1. **West End Land Fill** – No meeting this month. Next meeting in March.

2. **Iron Ore Heritage Trail** – They would like \$500.00 from us to help with the trails. **M/S/C to not donate \$500.00 to the trail system (Marline/Jill).** Jill will write a letter to Carol Fulsher.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 7067 through 7101.

Jill bought up the bill which will show next month from Bill Pepin for plowing at Helen Lake dumpsters. The bill has gone up this year \$100.00.

M/S/C to have Bill Pepin send us a breakdown of number of times and dates of plowing and to pay the \$300.00 (Barbara/Tyrone).

Jill will write a letter requesting this.

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

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

1. **Tom Baldini** – Letter on Elf project
2. **U. S. Census** - If questions, number to call.
3. **NMU** – Brian D. Cherry, MPA, Ph. D. Center for Rural and Local Government Studies.
4. **County of Marquette Resource Management/Development Dept.** - Preparing a recreation plan that will help guide the next five years of recreation development and maintenance of county-owned recreation facilities.
5. **CUPPAD – Tax/Parcel Mapping**, Complying with the 14 Point Review.
6. **CUPPAD** – Thought on preparing for the impacts of mining in the UP.
7. **County of Marquette Clerk** – Chairperson Corkin of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners requested that all units of government be sent the letter from CUPPAD - Thoughts on preparing for the impacts of mining in the UP.
8. **Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library** – Monthly report.
9. **County of Marquette Resource Management/Development Dept.** – Humboldt Township Planning Commission sent in a map for the commission to review and comment. The amendment was on a application to rezone 80 acres East of Helen Lake, from Timber Production – 40 to Recreational Structure-1 described as T45N-R29W, Section 3, the W1/2 of the SW1/4. The Marquette County Planning Commission voted 5-0 not supporting the proposed map amendment.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **EMS Board report** – Given under Correspondence.
- B. **Planning Commission** – Talking about having a Fishing Derby this summer. Also working on the bridge in the garage. Have work be schedule for later this month.
- C. **Elf Update**-Letter from Paul Arsenault letting us know that the next step will be to have a public hearing to obtain input from the township residents. And if all goes at the hearing the next thing would be to make the formal request to the Federal Government to transfer the property at no cost. **M/S/C to have a public hearing for input from residents as to what is wanted from the Elf Site (Marline/Barbara)**
- D. **P. A Sound System Bid.** – Received two bids on the Sound System. The bids are from Hunter Audio and Superiorland Electronics. **M/S/C to look further into the quality of both units and table the decision till the next meeting (Barbara/Marline).**

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Elevator-** February 7 Wright and Filippis was here to put the new batteries in the Elevator. At that time the repairman stated we have other problems with the unit. **M/S/C to not do any further repairs at this time until we can talk with the Elevator inspector (Barbara/Jill).**
- B. **Fire Department** – Chris Pelkola spoke about a lift that is available for the new fire truck. This lift would reduce possible injuries and be more efficient. This would be the time to put it in as the truck is being assembled. **M/S/C to purchase the lift for \$2850.00 and have it installed as the truck is being made (Jill/Barbara).**
- C. **Complaint Policy** – Marvin felt we should have a complaint policy. **M/S/C to have a Complaint Policy where residents can put complaints in writing, signed by the person making the complaint, send it to the board, and be present at the board meeting when it is read (Jill/Marline).**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen, Clerk