

HUMBOLDT TOWNSHIP
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March 10, 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

ATTENDANCE: Ron Norkoli, Joseph Wasie, Tom Prophet, Don Britton-Iron Ore Heritage Authority, Al Reynolds-Heritage Trail, Joseph Derocha, Lorraine Palmer, Audrey Ruspakka, Susan Cannon, Chuck Hurst, John Etelamaki, Joni Gleason, Amy Mceleney, Holly Ray, Ken Rautio.

M/S/C to approve the minutes: (Marline/Tyrone). Marvin note to change under Correspondence, last sentence add Marquette County in front of Planning Commission.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

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

COMMMITEE REPORTS:

Barbara reported on the following:

1. **Fire Department/ EMS** – Next meeting on March 29, 2008.
2. **MCTA** – Went into a group with the other treasurers at the meeting. Discussed going wireless and road millage.
3. **Central Dispatch** – Talked about the new 911 law and their radios. To get on the no call list call 888-382-1222.

Jill reported on the following meeting.

1. **MTCA** – Went into small groups. Connie Branam spoke with the clerks about some of the new laws that are taking place and bills that are in the legislator that will effect elections. Also was stated at the meeting that it was illegal to buy food for election workers. The next day Jill called MTA and asked if it was illegal to buy food to keep our workers at poll tables and not have anyone leave. MTA stated that this was not illegal.
2. **Clerk Meeting** – Discussed upcoming elections and gave out copies for people that will be running for elective offices.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 7102 through 7141. **M/S/C to approve the bills. (Marline/Tyrone)**

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

1. **Bill Pepin** – Called Marvin and stated he would not write down the number of times or dates he plowed out the garbage area out at Helen Lake. Barb stated we need to have some proof and to have Marvin talk with him again. **M/S/C to have Bill Pepin plow next year for \$300.00 per year (Jill/Barbara)**
2. **Michigan State Extension** - Information on upcoming meeting.
3. **Sheriff Lovelace** – Stated that he will be running for Sheriff, and that he has 12 years of experience, and asking for our support.
4. **Michigan Association Township Supervisor** – Dues are due. Marvin would like to renew this membership. **M/S/C to pay yearly dues of \$20.00 (Barbara/Marline).**
5. **Wisconsin Electric** – Marvin will write to them stating we will not pay if M-Dot does not pay for the street lighting. **M/S/C to approve Marvin's letter (Barbara/Jill).**
6. **Ruth Kandoll** – Letter requesting \$250.00 to help cost of Senior Meals at the Hall for a year. **M/S/C to give \$250 to the Senior Meals for this year (Barbara/Jill).**
7. **Republic Township** – Developing a Master Plan for their township and would like input from our Planning Commission as we are their neighboring township.
8. **Marquette County Road Commission** - Seasonal Road Policy. Sent to all Townships.
9. **Marquette County Resource Management** – County comprehensive plan input wanted.
10. **Township Insurance Policy** – Yearly update.
11. **Carnegie Library Minutes** – On file.
12. **Elected Officials Academy** – March 27, 2008

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **EMS Board report** – Given under Correspondence.
- B. **Planning Commission** – The third bridge is done at the dam. There was a total of over 200 hours of donated time given to construct and complete the bridge, and all was done in 8 days. Thank you to the guys that donated their time to this wonderful project.
- C. **Elf Update-** Paul Arsenault was able to send Jill a copy of the booklets & diagrams via email which Jill copied and put together. The booklets are done and were given to Rick Nominelli to be sent out to our legislators.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **P A Sound System Bid** – **M/S/C to have Superiorland Electronics have the bid (Barbara/Tyrone).** They are willing to make sure the system works, and if it doesn't, they will find the unit that will work for us.
- B. **Heritage Trail Presentation** – Don Britton talked about the Heritage Trail system. Chuck Hurst also talked about what Republic is doing by using the trail system. Mr. Britton thought that Humboldt Township Board did not support the Trail System because we did not pay \$500 to them. The Board did sign the resolution supporting the Trail system but decided not to pay the \$500.00. This matter was cleared up. A concerned

group consisting of Dr. Sue Cannon, Joni Gleason, Amy McEleney and Dr. Holly Ray, were present due to the Heritage Trail System not including horse riding on the trails. Mr. Britton stated horses were allowed on the trail and that it was an oversight not including horses in their booklet of the trail system. He would look into seeing that this matter was corrected.

- C. **Budget** – Everything went well at the budget hearing held on March 29, 2008. The Township is doing very well.
- D. **Adopt General Poverty Guidelines – M/S/C to adopt the General Poverty Guidelines (Barb/Marline)**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen, Clerk