

Jill Rankinen, Clerk  
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee

Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer  
Marline Worth, Trustee

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**July 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 no members absent:

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Jackie Koski, Joe Wasie, and David Wiljanen

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**M/S/C to move the meeting outside temporarily to view the new fire truck that was purchased by the Champion/Humboldt Township Fire Department (Barbara/Marline).** Chief Chris Pelkola was there to answer any questions.

**M/S/C to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting. (Marline/Barbara).**

**M/S/C to approve the agenda with additions. (Barbara/Tyrone).** Add to Old Business – D. Trash rollofs and E. Donation to Seniors. Add to New Business – D office Equipment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marvin asked if anyone uses the hall, make sure all of the windows are locked. There haven't been any problems so far, but just for safety, this should always be done. Marvin asked Dave to inspect the windows when he comes in to clean. Jill noticed the light were on in the hall late one evening so she stopped to turn them off. Barbara also noticed the lights on one day, so who ever is using the hall is forgetting to turn lights off. Jill also asked Marline to check with Dave after a hall rental to make sure that everything thing is intact and cleaned before she returns their deposit. The hall has been left dirty with some damages, and their deposit would take care of the expense of cleaning. Dave will let Marline know if the deposit should be returned or kept. Jackie said that the statement concerning was incorrect. A \$10 inspection fee will be charged to haulers taking refuse into the County Landfill. This charge does not pertain to individuals taking anything into the WMCSA. The charge remains at \$5 per 100.

**M/S/C to approve the treasurer report (Jill/Marline).**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marvin reported on the following:

1. **Marquette County Road Commission** – The week of June 26<sup>th</sup> the sweeper was to be back. MDOT is sending their sweepings to the landfill. County is going to test at the county. If

they put it in the hopper they have to haul it back. Will be having public meeting to share with the public. In the past not many people have shown up. The budget is not good. Will have to cut back services. At this time it is 60/ 40 which mean the township pays 60 % and the county covers only 40 %. If you get a private contractor to work on a road in a township, the township will have to cover 100% of the cost.

Marline reported on the following:

2. **MCSWA** – Jail crew clean up at the site (MCSWA). Water sample are being taken care by three men. Kewanee Metal is picking up tires. Jim's Car Wash can no longer pump sand on the ground at the transfer station.
3. **Heritage Trail** – June 25th was the meeting. July 2 construction of the trail will start at the Brownstone. O'Brien's will only allow bikes and snowmobile to go through there land.

Jill reported on the following:

1. **MTA District Meeting** – Information on file on rural development.
2. **Clerks Meeting** – Meeting at Humboldt for Election worker is on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. Accuracy Test will be done at the Ishpeming Township hall at 11 am on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Looking for people to be election inspector. Diane Perry will be the Chairperson for August 5 election.

**Approval of the bills:** Check numbers 7291-7339 (Marline/Tyrone).

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

1. **CUPPAD** – Membership Dues – **M/S/C to pay the \$100.00 for membership (Barb/Jill).** There are a lot of benefits the local governments of the UP receive.
2. **Department of Transportation-** Changes taking place in Escanaba Transportation Service Center Manger and their Superior Region Systems Engineer.
3. **MTA** – Workshop on Special Assessment Procedures and Ordinance Enforcement Strategies. It will be held at Escanaba on July 223 at the Heirman Center at Bay College.
4. **Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority-** Tipping fee will be keep at the same price.
5. **Public Service Commission** – information on new legislation known as Public Act 480 of 2006, MCL 484.3301 et seq, the “Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act.”
6. **Great Lakes Center for Youth Development** – form to fill out.
7. **Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library** – Minutes
8. **Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority-** Minutes.
9. **Hannala Insurance** – review if need any changes.
10. **UP Cable Company is being sold to Cable American LLC. - M/S/C to agree for change over if Charter can not come in (Barbara/Tyrone).**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **FIRE/EMS** – June 26 – Looked at the new fire truck. Only cost the department \$29,103. Having a driver training class and Chris and Brad will be going. Hall rental for the fire hall will be \$100 for weddings, family parties plus \$100 deposit. \$25 for small parties. **M/S/C to approve rental contract (Jill /Tyrone).**
2. **Planning Commission** - Nothing.
3. **Elf** – Nothing new.
4. **Trash rolloffs** – We had 3 rolloffs that were level. On Monday someone came and heaped up one of the rollover. Marvin went and got the front end loader and would like to charge the township \$100.00. **M/S/C to pay Marvin \$100 to pack down dumpster**

(Marline/Barbara). M/S/C we will only pay who are hired next year but will pay Melissa Maki for her help (Barb/Tyrone).

5. **Donation to Seniors** - It is unlawful to give money to seniors.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Dam Survey** – M/S/C to have EMI Survey the dam area (Jill/Tyrone).
2. **Thank you note to The Mining Journal** – M/S/C to send a Thank you to all the people that donated to the fishing derby from the township board and the planning commission.
3. **Dumpsters at Helen Lake** – M/S/C to have Marvin go to the Helen Lake meeting and talk to them about the garbage around the dumpsters (Barbara/Jill). The lid on one of the dumpster is too heavy to lift up. Al Johnson said that if this is solved then he will call the DNR. Discussed possibly putting a extra dumpster out at Helen Lake. Four instead of the three that is there. This was tabled until Marvin talks to the residents.
4. **Office Equipment** – M/S/C to purchase flat screen monitors, scanner, keyboards and mouse for Barb and Jill's computers (Jill/Barb). M/S/C to pay Wil Rankinen \$9.00 to work on the web site.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Submitted by:

Jill Rankinen, Clerk