

Jill Rankinen, Clerk  
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee

Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer  
Marline Worth, Trustee

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**August 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 – Tyrone Rosten  
Trustee – Marline Worth

**ATTENDANCE:** Jackie Koski, Joe Derocha, John Etelamaki, and Tom Prophet

Marvin asked why his request to have the minutes of the meetings given to him at least a week early. Jill stated that it was an over site, and the request would be added to the corrected minutes. **M/S/C** to approve the minutes of the July 14 regular meeting. (**Barbara/Marline**).

**M/S/C** to approve the agenda with additions. (**Barbara/Jill**). Add to Old Business E – election commission appointee. Under New Business D – Computer for Zoning Administrator; E – Township Donation to Senior Program; F – Gravel for Helen Lake area; G – Basement lights.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marvin questioned the time designated for office hours of the Clerk on Tuesdays. Jill said that they are from 9 am – 12 noon. Marvin said that Jackie's time card is not consistent with what the time should be. Jackie is either supposed to be there at the times designated, or change the hours, but she should be there at the regular posted hours. Marvin also questioned the time that was charged for delivering applications to vote and ballots to Eldred Rautio. Barbara said that she was at the hall on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am and people were waiting to see the Clerk. Jackie was out getting supplies for the Election Board and voters, and didn't get to the hall until 9:15. The people waiting needed tax information that the Clerk's office couldn't supply, so that was the Treasurer's responsibility.

**M/S/C** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. (**Marline/Tyrone**).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marvin attended the Rio Tinto/Kennecott Mining Company meeting that was held in Marquette. They still hope to get started on mine construction this fall, if everything goes as they hope. If not this fall, then as soon as they can get started next spring.

There are plans to invest approximately \$80 million dollars into the Humboldt Mine, and they will be putting in a water treatment plant, and pipe the water directly into the Escanaba River so the houses along the Wolf Lake Road would be protected.

Marvin also checked on the work being done just beyond the Wolf Lake Road. That is swampland mitigation.

Barbara attended the 911 meeting. They emergency workers are having some trouble with reception near Gwinn, but as a whole, everything is working very well. Marvin asked if Barbara received a new radio. He said that he has refused getting it, and said to give it to Barbara.

Jill had two meetings pertaining to the upcoming election. The public accuracy test and the school for election inspectors, which are required.

**M/S/C** to approve payment of the bills. Jill questioned the charge for Anderson, Tackman for filling out the Annual F-65 form. She thought the charge was excessive. Barbara questioned the Card member Services charge. Jill explained that was for hers and Diane Perry's meal while attending meeting concerning the upcoming election. (#7329-7389) **(Marline/Tyrone)**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Marvin received an application from Michael Rankinen to apply for the job of sexton. **M/S/C** to hire Mike for the job. Marvin said that all the mowing should be done for Labor Day. **(Tyrone/Barbara).**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**EMS Board** – None

**Planning Commission** – April, May, & June minutes were presented. The work is still being done on the ordinance for adult entertainment, roads, condos, etc. The plans are to have one hearing for all the issues to save money. Work on the air conditioner is still being done, and discussions about the location of a pavilion are still going on. The dam area has been surveyed. Marvin praised the work that the Planning Commission has done.

**Elf Site** – Nothing has been done since Greg Nominelli left the LSCP. Lois Ellis has inquired about the progress, but none has been made.

**Helen Lake Dumpsters** – Covers have been put on and they are bolted down so they are not flying around.

**Election Commission Appointee** – Marvin read the requirements for being on the election board. No immediate relatives are allowed to serve is a member of a family is on the ballot. Jackie explained that the issue came up at the election school, Connie Branam, Marquette County Clerk, was asked if it was legal to have Barbara's daughter in law serve on the election board. Connie stated that she would not recommend it against it because it could be challenged. Barbara called the County Clerk's office and was told that it would be legal. Jackie questioned Barbara's actions, and thought that it is Jill's job to handle issues pertaining to the Clerk's position.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Planning Commission** – The Commission has discussed the installation of lights on the bridge. Marvin talked to Rocky Brooks who suggested that we have Frailing Electric come in and wire a 100-amp box on the pole by the dam. Cost estimated to be about \$150. **M/S/C** to hire Frailing Electric. **(Jill/Barbara).**

**Piano** -Marvin received a call from a party willing to donate a spinet piano to the Township. A notice will be posted to make an offer, or just remove the large old piano from the hall. **M/S/C** to accept the donation of the piano. **(Barbara/Marline)**.

**Labor Day Festivities** – A committee consisting of Judy Lahtela, Debbi Brooks, Amanda Lindholm, and Carole Neitzel, have been working on organizing a parade, games, potluck lunch, etc. to coincide with the bridge walk. There will be a flag rising to start off the event. Jackie asked if napkins and paper cups that are in the township kitchen could be used, and Marvin said no Township money would be used for the event. The committee is supposed to go out and solicit donations.

**Computer for Zoning** – The computer that Sam is using for zoning is old and not working properly. **M/S/C** to purchase a new computer from Maki Consulting, and have Brian Maki transfer all information needed from the old one into the new computer. **(Barbara/Jill)**.

**Township Donation** – The Township has always supported the senior citizen program. Because the seniors meal program is not a private function, it is legal for the Township to make a donation.

**Gravel for Helen Lake** – The Helen Lake Association requested 80 tons of gravel for their roads. They are wondering if they can go through the Township for funding the cost. The Township cost is 60% and the County is 40%. This gravel is mostly on their private road, so Marvin said that he would inquire with the Marquette County Road Commission. Jackie questioned the legality of spending Township monies on private roads. **M/S/C** to buy to gravel for Helen Lake roads on the condition that the County is willing to pay the 40% cost. **(Barbara/Marline)**.

**Basement Lights** – The basement lights are very dim. **M/S/C** to have Dave pick up some new light fixtures. **(Tyrone/Barbara)**.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John asked about wire in the basement.

Jackie asked if anybody knows where the Township camera is. Nobody knows.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Submitted by:

Jill Rankinen