

Jill Rankinen, Clerk  
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee

Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer  
Marline Worth, Trustee

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**October 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 – Tyrone Rosten  
Trustee – Marline Worth

**ATTENDANCE:** Jackie Koski, Ron Norkoli Tom Prophet, Joe Derocha, John Etelamaki, Don Britton, Carol Fulsher and Norman Luoma.

**M/S/C to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular board meeting (Barb/Tyrone)** with the following changes:  
Add Marline Worth to Old Business E.

**M/S/C to approve the agenda with no additions. (Barbara/Marline).**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marvin stated we have a new piano that was donated to the hall. The guy that gave us the piano will have someone come in and tune the piano. If anyone would like the old piano they may come and take it. Marvin came in last week and found the door open and the water running in the women's bathroom. Please make sure the door is locked and no water is running if you are using the building.

**M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. (Jill/Tyrone).** Barbara was wondering if we should put some money into a CD or wait. We will need money in the spring for some of our upcoming projects Marvin asked that it be tabled till the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marvin attended the West End Library Community meeting. They did a survey through NMU and found most people are not interested in a new library at this time. November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the next meeting. Marvin has the survey on file. Marvin is checking to see if we can use the Westwood library. Kennecott meeting - The Humboldt mine has been bought by Kennecott Mining Company. They still have the option to buy the pit. They are working on new roads. Marvin told them he was concerned about the traffic and where it could be going. Kennecott stated they would be putting an overpass over US 41. Marvin was also told they he was worried about the water supply so Kennecott will be putting a filtration for all water and then pipe it into the Escanaba River. Jon Cherry was supposed to be here tonight to talk, but was unable to make it. He will be present at the

next meeting. Marvin also corrected himself on the fact that Kennecott has changed the name to Rio Tinto.

Barbara attended the MTCA meeting. Not much is happen there. October 23 there will be a potluck dinner and meeting at Michigamme Township. All is invited. The state tree is coming from Richmond Township and will be cut on November 6, 2008.

The other meeting Barb went to was the committee for the banquet. They are looking at Jasper Ridge and the meals will be somewhere around \$26 per plate.

911 Meeting – They are improving on the towers so radio connection is a lot better. They do have a problem with the radios working in the hospital.

No Fire Board meeting till the end of November.

Marline went to the following:

West End Sanitation Meeting-Dan Hupp has been laid off. Looking for someone to replace Dan due to his illness.

Iron Ore Heritage Trail Meeting – Have a presentation coming up in this meeting.

Jill went to the MTCA. Looking for ways to get more people out to the meetings. I also went to 4 meeting down state put on by MTA and the TGA. The meetings were very interesting and had a lot of information to them. We need to have a master plan. Marvin would like Jill to make copies and hand them out to the board.

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **Marquette County Road Commission** – Helen Lake Road. Cost to work on road is \$3000. Helen Lake is willing to pay \$1500.00. Marvin is looking into it and finding out what is involved.
2. **Carnegie Library Minutes** – on file
3. **Frailing Electric – Estimate 200 amp box - \$1047.00**
4. **Marquette County ATV ordinance** – Making a Countywide Nov 12 meeting on this ordinance. **M/S/C to accept the countywide ordinance as read (Jill/Barbara).**
5. **Emergency Board Letter – Brad Hamel** – If spending more then \$500 must be presented to the boards.
6. **Telecommunication Company** - Off of County Road 601. Marvin contacted the company and there will be a correction with zoning.
7. **MTCA** – Dinner at Michigamme Township on October 23, 2008.
8. **Flood Plain newsletter** – on file.
9. **ATC information** – Would come and talk if you like to have them come and talk at a meeting.
10. **Letter from Gabriel Caplet - FOFI Coordinator** – freedom of information. Marvin will call and take care of this.
11. **Annual audit of the Marquette County Sanitation** – on file
12. **CUPPAD** – Meeting October 15, 2008 on rural planning.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **EMS Board** – No report.
- B. **Planning Commission** – Working on the Pavilion. Copy of the plan. Give opinion at the next meeting.
- C. **Web Page** – Sam is working on it. Need information for it.

**D. Pavilion** – The Planning commission is looking at putting the new pavilion where the basketball court is and put the basketball court further from the pond behind the play area.

**E. Heritage Trail** – Carol Fulsher gave a presentation on the trail.



#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Dam Wiring** – Have already talked about this.

B. **Newsletter** – 10<sup>th</sup> of the November.

C. **Christmas Party** – December 13, 2008 Santa will be at the hall from 1-3pm.

D. **Communication Tower** – already covered.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marvin has a jail crew coming in. Taking part of old table and making newer ones. If any projects we would like to have the jail crew just let Marvin know.

Natalie Young has over 100 signatures from Casey and Helen Lake. Road has been getting worse over the last 10 years. No work has been done to it. During the spring if you don't have a 4 wheel drive you can't get in or out. Tires are being blown out on this road. Want to know where the money is going to fix roads. This road needs to be worked on. Barbara was asked to find out how much money is being giving to the county from our taxes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen