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November 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, Gabriel Caplett, Bill Kinjorski, Teresa Bertoss, Emily Whittaker, John Etelamaki, Scott Bound, Anna Mattson, Natalie Young, Joe Wasie, Joseph Derocha, Tom Prophet and Ron Norkoli.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular board meeting (Barb/Marline).
Correct QUPPAD to CUPPAD.

M/S/C to approve the agenda with two addition (Jill/Barbara). Add to New Business – C. EMS Board Appointment and D. Kennecott – Rio Tinto.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anna Mattson has a place on Helen Lake and complained about the road out by Helen and Casey Lake. Over the years it has been getting so bad that if you do not have a 4 wheel drive you won't make it out there in the spring. Ms. Mattson stated the road has not been worked on at all. Asked if the board remembered when a group from Helen and Casey Lake went to the Road Commission and at that time and the Road Commission stated that they would start working on improvement on the road. There are over 100 residents that use that road in the summer and some are living there year around. The County Road Commission would come and grade the road once in a great while and just push large rocks into the middle of the road that could damage a vehicle. Ms. Mattson wanted to know how much in taxes was the road commission getting just from that area? She was wondering also how much money did the township have for roads. Barbara stated she would be able to have some figures by the end of the month. Ms. Mattson asked that the six mile section be worked on. Marvin stated he would look into it along with Barb and see what could be done. There is supposed to be a gravel pit out near Helen Lake that we may be able to use to get the gravel we need for the road. Will look into who has the gravel pit and see if this will help. Natalie Young was also at the meeting continuing her support to find help for the six miles of road. Marvin stated he had talk to the Road Commission a while back and they had promise to start working on a mile of that road a year. Tyrone stated his road is very bad and Marvin said that County Road 476 is also very bad that goes through to Greenwood.

M/S/C to make a motion that the board will write a letter in support of help needed from the Marquette Road Commission for the road out at Casey and Helen Lake (Jill/Barbara).

Jackie Koski stated it is Marquette County Commissars that decide how much of the money is given to the road commission for the road.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marvin attended the West End Library Community meeting on November 3, 2008. Has some pamphlets from them to hand out but left them at home. 40% of public would support a mileage for a new library. Negaunee and Ishpeming would both like to keep their own libraries. The further west you go from Ishpeming the less people using the library.

Barbara reported on the following meetings:

Marvin and Barbara attended the MTCA meeting at Michigamme Township. Evelyn Davis spoke about how everyone should be sworn in by the next two weeks. Jill stated that everyone would be sworn in tonight.

911 Meeting – They are improving on the towers so radio connection is a lot better. They are not having as many problems as last month but still have dead areas. May be moving out of the State Police Post.

Fire Board meeting will be having a get together the first part of December.

Marline went to the following:

Iron Ore Heritage Trail Meeting – Marline stated they are having a presentation coming up in this meeting.

Jill went to the following meetings:

Jill reported on meetings that she attended for elections.

M/S/C- approval of the bills (Marline/Tyrone).

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Communication Tower in Humboldt** – Jill stated there is work with cables by the mine.
2. **Environment news release** – Open house coming up and Rio Tinto has to work by state regulations.
3. **UP Power** – Cost recover meeting in Lansing.
4. **CUPPAD** – Next meeting on file.
5. **CUPPAD** – letter of things they are doing for the townships. Marvin stated that grant applications is something Joey might be interested in.
6. **Wisconsin Electric** – Having a cost recover meeting November 19.
7. Marquette County Solid Waste – The asbestos charge is \$1200.00 and it should have been \$1600.00.
8. **Wind workshop**- at the Holiday Inn in November. On file.
9. **Bridgewalk** - \$311.00 was turned in for the bridgewalk. \$206 was spent on the bridgewalk with \$105.00 in the bank for the next one in a year. Total of over 400.00 spent on the bridgewalk with \$295 left for prizes. The run down is on file.
10. **CUPPAD** – Report on a federal grant. Maybe could use for the park.
11. **Save the Wild** – Newsletters on file.
12. **Thank you** note from Emily & Jason Carrier for the old piano, so the children can learn to play.
13. **Richardson Jeweler** would like to invite all to their open house with a 40% off coupon.
14. **Marquette Township Supervisors** – December 5, 2008

15. **Karl P. Numinen** – would like to be considered for the Planning Commission Board. No openings at this time but will have some at the next meeting.
16. **James Douglas** – would like to serve on the advisory board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **EMS Board** – No report.
- B. **Planning Commission** – Working on the Pavilion. Minutes of file.
- C. **Communication Tower** - Covered already.
- D. **Pavilion** – **M/S/C to go with the plans the planning commission decided (Barbara/Jill).** The Planning commission is looking at putting the new pavilion is waiting on estimates.
- E. **Christmas Party** – Santa will be at the hall on Saturday December 13, 2008 from 1-3pm. We will also have a horse drawn sled for people to ride in. **M/S/C to have Marvin be Santa (Barbara/Tyrone).**
- F. **Newsletter** – Articles need to be email to Globe Printing in the next couple of days. Barbara has picked up the labels.



NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Joey Derocha** – Joe would like to have Friendship Lunch every second Monday of every month at 11:30 am to 1 pm and would like board support. He would be paying for this himself and would like to invite anyone that would like to come. Having this he feels he can learn more about the people in the Township and what their needs are. He also presented letters from Koski Korner and François's Crosscut stating they were in support of this also. **M/S/C to support Joe's lunches at the hall and no charge for use of the building due to it being for the township (Jill/Barbara).**
- B. **Gabriel Caplett** – **Teresa Bertoss gave a presentation on Rio Tinto/Kennecott.** Group that is very concern with the sulfide mining that will be going on in our township. Talk about the chemical and how in the pass they have made promises and have not kept their promise of full cleanup. This is something Canada is happy about because most of the ore and pollutes will be left at the Humboldt. The group gave us a book on what happen in Wisconsin when they mined there. Had several handouts for the public to look at. Theses are on file. Joe Derocha questioned that the DEQ must be keeping track of Kennecott. Teresa stated the township needed to keep track also due to DEQ looking over things in the past. Emily Whittaker commented on how Minnesota worker are coming in to work the mine, not our local people. And how their workers are not being respectful with their driving and even have seen them run a bus with the red lights on.
- C. **EMS Board Appointment**–**M/S/C to have Barbara be appointed again to represent Humboldt on the EMS Board Appointment (Marline/Tyron).**
- D. **Kennecott** – **Rio Tinto** is their new name.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jackie Koski made a comment about Matt Johnson is working for Kennecott because he is now the Governor's assistant, and he will not be in office for long, so he had to find other employment. Jackie resented Michelle Halley's insinuation that he was withholding information about the mine from the Governor's office.

Anna Mattson stated she is a member of a group called Citizen for Responsible Mining. They have a web site and have answers to questions we may have.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen