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December 8, 2008
(All Meetings are recorded)

Supervisor Derocha 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 – Joseph Derocha
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee – Jacqueline Koski
Trustee – Marline Worth

ATTENDANCE: Jackie Koski, Gabriel Caplett, Bill Kinjorski, Teresa Bertoss, Emily Whittaker, John Etelamaki, Joe Wasie, Marvin Ruspakka, Lorraine Palmer, Michael Palmer, Tom Prophet and Ron Norkoli.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2008 regular board meeting (Jackie/Barb).

M/S/C to approve the agenda (Barbara/Jill).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Berle Lapin gave a letter for Joe to read. Letter was to the Humboldt board in regard to a street light being installed to the east side of the driveway going into the Fire hall. The Champion Board has approved of this. It is to help with safety coming in and out of the driveway.

M/S/C to approve of the street light installation on the eastside of the Fire hall driveway (Jill made the motion, Barbara second it and all were in favor).

Lorraine made mention that today is the anniversary of Ben Rosten's death.

Barbara bought up the fact we are still paying the additional fuel cost on our garbage. Jill will contact Carlisles on reducing the \$50.00 per week fuel cost and have them come to the next meeting.

M/S/C to contact Carlisles on adjustment of weekly fuel surcharge (Barbara made the motion. Jackie second it and all were in favor).

Joe read a letter written to Marvin Ruspakka, retired supervisor and Tyrone Rosten, retired trustee thanking them for their years of service. Joe had the board sign each letter to be sent.

Marvin stated that others on the Planning Commission have donated hours of service also and they should be recognized also.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marline went to the following:

Marquette Solid Waste Meeting – Had three special meetings. The first meeting was to come to an agreement with the city of Ishpeming. After 20 min no agreement was meet and the meeting ended.

look at it. Her contract didn't cover what Ishpeming needed so meeting was schedule for November 26, 2008. At that meeting they decided to go with their old contract. Jill question if any of this concerned Humboldt Township.

M/S/C- approval of the bills (Barb/Jackie). Jill prorated the pay for 11 days in November for Joe and Jackie. Jackie checked for Jill to MTA and they recommended.

M/S/C to prorate pay for Joe and Jackie and prorate in the future (Motion by Barbara. Second by Marline, and all were in favor).

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Fire department needed a bigger pump so they ordered it from Hakala Well Drilling. Jackie questioned why they didn't go to the Fire Board and then get approval from each board.
M/S/C to approve the Fire Department to purchase the pump (Barbara/Marline).
2. Joe is going to have to take classes to get up to requirements for Supervisor as Chris the fire chief has stated in letter to Joe.
3. Letters from Board of Review members, Nancy Prodell, Norine Maki and Sanford Pesola. Will need to reapply in 2 years.
M/S/C to accept the applications and keep the Board of Review members as stated for the next two years (Motion by Jill, second by Jackie and all were in favor).
4. Applications for position on Planning Commission were received from Marvin Ruspakka, Dave Hensley and Carl Numinen.
5. Received a letter from the Heritage Trail Association addressed to a Mr. Johnson.
6. We Energies- Letter asking for the charge of moving a light on the highway. Letter says Humboldt Township will pay for this charge. Joe told Bill from we Energies to redraft the letter stating we will not pay for this charge but the state will be charged. Marvin stated from the audience that in the past he has signed it but wrote that Humboldt Township would not be responsible for this charge.
7. Department of National Resources – Marquette County Land Release – List of land in Humboldt Township that can be turned over to the township.
8. Library minutes on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. EMS Board Report** - Next meeting is January 20, 2009.
- B. Planning Commission** – applications for Planning Commission Member –
M/S/C to have Carl Numinen set on the Planning Commission Board (Motion by Jill, second by Barbara and all in favor). Letter from Joe Derocha requesting to set as the board liaison. It is legally okay for a supervisor to set on the Planning commission.
M/S/C to have Joe be the Liaison for the board to set on the Planning Commission Board (Role call vote – Joe sustained, 4 yes and 0 no).
- C. Communication Tower** - Joe and Sam checked out site, nothing is being done on it.
- D. Road & Condominium Ordinance** –**M/S/C to approve the new Road & Condominium Ordinance that was recommend by the Planning Commission (Motion by Jackie, second by Barbara and all were in favor).**
- E. Kennecott support letter-** Joe wrote a letter welcoming Kennecott to Humboldt Township and stated how we are willing to work with them to better our community. All Humboldt board members signed it.
- F. Lake Lory Rezoning-**This was touched on with the Road and Condominium Ordinance.
- G. Pavilion** – \$6732.27 was the lowest bid from Cattrons Lumber. 24' x 40" in size. Jill mention that a couple of meetings ago the board made a motion to have the pavilion where the basketball court is and then closer to the road and east of the outhouse is where the basketball court would go. It would be better this way so that

tennis court. Joe is concerned if there is going to be enough money. Barbara stated that we have enough money.

H. Helen lake County Road – Ann Mattson called Joe and asked where we were at concerning their road. Jill sent a letter to the Road Commission but had not heard back from them. Joe asked Ann to find out what spots need to be attended to right away.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Humboldt Mine** – Kennecott- will be attending the meeting next month. They were in Wisconsin tonight and could not make it.
M/S/C to send a letter to Kennecott inviting them to come to our January 2009 Board Meeting (Motion by Jackie, second by Barbara).
- B. Park, Pond, Restrictions & Limitations** - Ran into a problem just before the Fishing Derby where there were a couple of grown men fishing the night before and were asked to leave. The guys refused.
M/S/C to close the park until after the Derby when we have the fish bought in (Motion by Jill, second by Jackie and all in favor).
Joe asked Sam to close the ends of the newest bridge so that no one will hurt themselves trying to walk over it while there is snow and ice on it.
M/S/C For the board to be able to close the park when and how the board sees fit for the welfare and safety of the public (Motion by Jill, second by Barbara and all in favor).
- C. Township Web Site Jill Pesola** - Looking for input to on the web site. Sam is also looking for ordinance. Being able to have the cemetery on the site. Jackie questioned if there is any grants to help us with the web site. Sam is looking into this.
- D. Master Plan** - Sam has started to work on this. It is the law that we have this in place by 2011. We have one but it is 20 years old.
- E. Planning Commission Appointments** – took care of this in correspondence.
- F. Board of Review Appointments** – took care of this earlier in minutes.
- G. Heritage Recreation Authority Committee Representative** – Marline has asked if she can give up her seat on this Committee. **M/S/C to have Jackie take her place as our representative (Motion by Jill, second by Barbara and all were in favor).** Jackie requested if Joe couldn't make a Road Commission Meeting if she could go in his place. Joe had no problem with that.
Joe asked who used to go to the Library meetings. Jill stated she did before. Marvin spoke up and stated that he was the one going to the meeting and Joe should be the one going to it. Joe stated he would go to it and see what is going on and if he felt he had too many meetings he would let one of the other board members go.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Teresa Bertoss was surprised to hear that we support Kennecott. She recommended we proceed with caution when doing any kind of dealing with the company. Teresa stated that in the past the company has walked over the little guy. If we have any questions please contact her. She also stated the DEQ is short staff so watch them very closely. Be careful of the water situations.

Lorraine spoke of some of the older mines.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm

Jill Rankinen Clerk