

Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Jacqueline Koski, Trustee

Joseph Derocha, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer
Marline Worth, Trustee

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February 9, 2009
(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 one (1) member absent:

Supervisor – Joseph Derocha
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey
Clerk - Absent
Deputy Clerk – Jill Valero sitting in
Trustee – Jacqueline Koski
Trustee – Marline Worth

ATTENDANCE: Don Britton, Carol Fulsher, Jim Thomas, Joe Wasie, Lorraine Palmer, Michael Palmer, Tom Prophet, Pete Koski Jr., Berle Lapin, Gerald Plattenburg, Jim Lindholm, Gary Laitala.

Motion was made by Jackie Koski to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 regular board meeting, second by Barb Mackey. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Barb Mackey to approve the agenda, second by Marline Worth. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Berle Lapin asked if he could speak regarding the light at the Champion Fire Hall. Joe Derocha approved and placed Berle 11f under old business.

Motion was made by Jackie Koski to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, second by Marlene Worth. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jackie Koski attended Heritage Trail Association meeting.

Barb attended the EMS Board meeting.

Joe Derocha was unable to attend Road Commission meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

The board did not approve seven (7) checks: #7602 Unemployment Insurance; #7603 Jill Rankinen (mileage not approved); #7604 Joseph Derocha (added meeting and mileage); #7605 Marlene Worth (added meeting that was not attended); #7606 (omitted \$64 for meeting & mileage); #7607 Sanford Pesola (omitted 12 hours, check paid but remaining time should be added to next month); #7012 Jill Valero (withholdings needed on Web site hours)

Jackie requested dates on trips for all timecards.

Joe recommended signatures

Jackie questioned the need to plow the basketball court.

Motion to remove 7 checks from payments until they are corrected was made by Jackie, second by Barb. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

On file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. EMS Board Report** - Next meeting is February 24, 2009.
- B. Planning Commission Report** – Tom Prophet reported that the Planning Commission worked on issues regarding the Road & Condominium ordinance. Sanford Pesola read opinion of MTA regarding public hearings: No public hearing is necessary to adopt a stand-alone ordinance; however; it is necessary if an ordinance is made a part of the zoning ordinance. A separate committee has been formed to develop a Master Plan and Sanford invites any citizen of Humboldt Township to attend these meetings. Joe would like to have the Road & Condominium Ordinance prepared to become part of the zoning ordinance.
Motion to prepare ordinance to become part of zoning ordinance made by Barb Mackey and second by Marlene Worth. Motion approved unanimously.
- C. Helen Lake County Road** – Joe Derocha will be unable to meet with the Helen Lake Association at the Negaunee Eagles club on February 18, 2009. Jackie will attend.
- D. The Heritage Recreation Authority-** Don Britton, Carol Fulsher and Jim Thomas represented The Heritage Recreation Authority. Jim stated that the fee for any township that would like to join the Heritage Trail is now \$500.00. Carol stated that Champion and Michigamme Townships have been invited to join in the trail system, but declined. Jim and Carol stated that the initial Township fee to support the trail system would yield a much larger return than costs sustained by the township. Also the monies will not be earmarked for any specific or localized area of trail. The Heritage Trail Assoc. will be requesting another .2-mil vote in 2010. The HRA assured the board that the trails would be multi-use to include ATV and snowmobiles according to their Master Plan. Sanford stated that these plans can be

changed and questioned their assurance. Jim states that the HRA will not interfere with any economic plans of the township.

Motion was made to table the discussion and Jackie to continue attending the Heritage Trail Association meetings by Marlene Worth and second by Barbara.

Jackie cannot attend the next meeting; Joe will sit in for her.

- E. **DEQ- Kennebecott** Public hearing will begin on February 18, with an informal meeting at 1:00 pm, a formal meeting from 2:15 pm –4:45 pm. A second session will have the informal meeting at 6:00 pm and a formal meeting from 7:15 pm – 9:30 pm. Will get 50 more chairs from Champion. Joe will invite Prusi and Mike Lahti.
- F. **Berle Lapin** – The charge to install the light at the driveway of Humboldt/Champion Fire Hall is \$1,833.02 and will cost \$22.73 monthly to operate. Vote will occur on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Jackie Adair resigned as director, but is still on EMS. Gary Laitala said that the pump approved on Nov. 20, 2008 is still not fixed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **ELF** – Joe participated in a conference call that included Levin, Stabenow, Pellow, Powers, Kippola, Stupak and a representative from Granholm’s office. We were informed that the GSA (General Services Administration) will head the transition of the ELF site from the control of the Federal Government. The GSA was unaware of the township’s interest in the property, as they never received papers notifying them to that effect. All files sent to them are missing and we have 30 days to resend. They want reassurance of our plan for successful transition of property. They want to restrict any release of assets for _____ or mentioned later 3 years. GSA wants fire departments and homeland security to have access to the 60,000 gal underground water supply on the site for emergencies. Special legislation may have to be enacted instead of the 40-year-old existing laws. We could move the maintenance garage from the site and use for emergency vehicles. Only organization that could receive the property ahead of a government entity would be a homeless shelter.

Motion to continue pursuing ELF property with no strings attached made by Barb, second by Marlene. Motion approved unanimously.

- B. **2009 Budget** Separate checks for mileage is not law but accountant’s preference. The deputy clerk budget should equal deputy treasurer’s. Accountability to budget is necessary. A closer look is necessary to ascertain what the 2009 – 2010 budget should look like.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm

Submitted by: Jill Valero