

Jill Rankinen, Clerk  
Jacqueline Koski, Trustee

Joseph Derocha, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer  
Marline Worth, Trustee

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**March 9, 2009**

Supervisor Derocha called the regular meeting of the Humboldt Township Board to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, with one member absent:

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Wasie, Berle Lapin, Jerry Plattenburg, Carol Mackey, Chad Filizette, Gary Laitala and Sam Pesola.

**Motion was made by Marlene Worth to approve the minutes of the February regular board meeting. Barbara Mackey seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Jill Rankinen to approve the agenda. It was second by Barbara Mackey. Motion approved unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**Motion was made by Jill Rankinen to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Marline Worth seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Barbara Mackey went to the following meetings:

911- Feb 19 – Discussion on Radio system update, strategic planning car computers for all official police cars, and access to dog license information. Approval was given to give Marquette City \$15,000 for a payment toward the cost of a generator for back up. Coast guard needs radios also.

EMS/Fire – two bills were sent out for Fire/EMS. A Pancake breakfast benefit will be held for a Republic EMS person in the month of April. She has cancer, so watch for posters.

MCTA – Guest speaker was from the State crime Lab. MTCA is sending a letter to the Governor.

Joe Derocha attended the Road Commission Meeting and several more that will be talked about on the agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**On file.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. EMS Board Report – Given under committee reposts/meetings.**

- B. Planning Commission Report** – Sam discussed the master plan and how it was coming along. **Motion was made by Jill Rankinen to order the maps that are needed for the sum of \$930 from Thyra Karlstrom, Planner at Marquette County Resource Management Dept and to budget the money needed for this. Seconded by Barbara Mackey and motion approved unanimously.**
- C. Helen Lake County Road- Garbage– Derocha meet with Jim Iwaniki.** Joe stated that he has agreed with the county to do road repair and the township will put \$5000 per year into the road until it is up to grade. Barbara has had complaints about the garbage not being picked up for the last three weeks. Barbara called Carlisle's and they stated, the gas prices are too high, they are trying to save. We looked at the contract and it states they need to pick it up weekly. We are also paying additional money for gas prices even though gas prices are at a lower rate now. (Take a look at the January Meeting and the request at that point). Joe stated he would call and talk with the Carlisles. **Motion was made by Jill Rankinen to look at putting up garbage shed out at Helen Lake. Seconded by Barbara Mackey. Motion approved unanimously.**
- D. Heritage Recreation Authority- no repost**
- E. Elf Site/Crime Lab/ 911/Letters** – Joe has been speaking with the Crime Lab and the 911 dispatch about use of the Elf site. Things look very positive. Joe had letters he gave each board member. They are on file. Later this week Joe will be going out with the Crime Lab to look at the Elf site. More update next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. UP Propane** – A local Humboldt township business has just bought out Maki's propane service. Joe feels we should do business locally. Barbara agreed also. **Motion was made by Barbara Mackey to get a letter to LaCourt and request what the cost would be from May 1, 2009 to May 10, 2010. Marline seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**
- 2. NICE Schools** – Michael Haines was unable to make it this meeting but will be at the next board meeting. The school will have a millage vote on May 5, 2009. We have an article on the bond and the and why a millage and what it will be used for.
- 3. Street Light Republic** – A Street light is need turning into Republic from M 95 onto County Rd FLK. Jill will call We Energies and get a quote.
- 4. Ron Norkoli** – Letter of resignation – **Jill Rankinen made a motion to write a letter to thank him for his years of service. Seconded by Barbara. Motion approved unanimously.**
- 5. Microphone for hall** – Second microphone is needed for the hall. Should have bought the second one when we bought the first. Would have been cheaper. **Motion was made by Barbara Mackey to purchase the Microphone for \$442 and Marline Worth seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**None**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm  
Submitted by: Jill Rankinen