

Jill Rankinen, Clerk  
Jacqueline Koski, Trustee

Joseph Derocha, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer  
Marline Worth, Trustee

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**September 14, 2009**

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

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Carol Mackey, Michael Grentz, Mark Hannula, Sulo Isotalo, Tom Prophet and Sam Pesola.

**Motion was made by Jackie Koski to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 regular board meeting. Marline Worth seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Marline Worth to approve the agenda for September 14, 2009. It was second by Barbara Mackey.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**Motion was made by Jill Rankinen to approve the Treasurer's report as presented (Total assets is \$396,403.44). Marline Worth seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Barbara Mackey went to the following meetings:

911  
EMS/Fire

Jill went to the following:

District Library meeting

Jackie Koski went to the following:

Library meeting and Heritage Trail meeting

**Motion was made by Barbara Mackey to approve the bills (Checks # 7892 – 7818 totaling \$10,136.48) to be paid as presented. Jackie Koski seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**On file.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **ELF** – Joe has been working on a FEMA grant with Kitty Kososki. Joe has received a call from FEMA. Things may happen fast. They really would like to get rid of the Elf site before winter.
- B. **Planning Commission Report/Ordinances Date** – No meeting in August 2009. Will be working on the master plan and the ordinances this month.

- C. **Rail Road condemnation/Economic Development/Budget Revision Legal Fees** – Joe is working to getting the railroad grade into the Humboldt townships name. He may need use of our attorney and would like to make a line item on our Budget for \$7,500 for fees occurring for this railroad grade. **Motion was made by Barb Mackey and seconded by Marline Worth. Motion approved unanimously.**
- D. **Cemetery Fencing** – Later this month the date and time for the construction of the new fence and removal of the old fence will be announced.
- E. **Lake Superior Partnership Membership Dues** – **Motion was made by Jackie Koski to pay \$648 to Lake Superior Partnership for they full service. Barbara Mackey seconded it and it was approved unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Hannula Insurance/ park/ball field up dates** – Mark Hannula was here to answer any question we may have about our Insurance. Joe would like to see more liability and requested cost for 3 and 4 million dollars of coverage. It was also stated that our Assessor Howard Robare was an employee of Humboldt Township.
- B. **CPA Anderson Tackman Report-** The Auditor recommends we invest \$100,000. **Motion was made by Jackie Koski to have \$100,000 invested into a CD and seconded by Jill Rankinen with all approving of it unanimously.** Financial highlights are as follows:
- Net assets for the Township as a whole increased by \$63,217 or 12 percent as a result of this year's operations.
  - During the year, the Township had expenses for governmental activities that were \$183,768 and revenues of \$246,985.
  - The General Fund reported a net fund balance of \$299,136. Net change in fund balance was \$69,825 higher than the forecasted decrease of \$33,000.

Internal control was lacking in several areas. The auditor will be coming on October 12, 2009 to go over with Jill Rankinen and show her the way things should be done.

**Motion was made by Jackie Koski to have Anderson, Tackman & Company come in and work with Jill Rankinen to adopt better procedures on the way internal control is set. Seconded by Barbara Mackey and unanimously approved.**

- C. **Brownfield Development/LSP/Marquette Co** – Lois Ellis will be helping Joe with the Brownfield Issue. Need to get documents to the board and until this is done there isn't much to talk about.
- D. **May 26<sup>th</sup> 2005 DEQ Hydrologic Survey/Letter** –After reading this letter a **motion was made by Barbara Mackey to rosined on letter wrote May 26<sup>th</sup> 2005 and to write a letter about this decision to all parties that had received this original letter. Seconded by Jackie Koski and was unanimously approved.**
- E. **Marquette County Road Signs Repair List?** Received a list from Marquette County Road Commission on road signs that need repair. If anyone see signs not up please let the township know so they can be fixed or replaced.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm  
Submitted by: Jill Rankinen