Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Jacqueline Koski, Trustee

Joseph Derocha, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer
Marline Worth, Trustee

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January 10, 2011

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

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Wasie, Missy Cevigney and Jim Carlisle.

**Motion was made by Marline Worth to "APPROVE THE MINUTES" of the November 8, 2010 regular board meeting. Barbara Mackey seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**

**Jill Rankinen made motion to "APPROVE THE AGENDA" for December 12, 2010. It was second by Marline Worth. Motion approved unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Motion was made by Jill Rankinen to approve the "TREASURER REPORT" as presented (Total assets is $416,290.98). Jacqueline Koski seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Marline Worth went to the following meetings:

**Marquette County Solid West** – The landfill is taking shingles. Cheaper to go through the township and let them bill township and have the township members pay the township.

Jacqueline Koski went to the following meetings:

**Heritage Trail –** Received 400 thousand grant, which will be put towards going from Negaunee to Marquette. They also now have a line of credit from the Range Bank. They have a little over 18 thousand in their treasurer.

**MTCA** – Banquet was very nice. Not too many attended. Not enough Supervisors at the Supervisors meeting. Olsen requested that if the supervisor cannot make it they should send someone else to represent them. Jacqueline Koski offered to go if Joe Derocha could not make it.

Barbara Mackey went to the following meetings:

**911 – Central Dispatch.** – Waiting on more money for radios.

**EMS – Fire Board** – There was 7 calls this last month. Equipment truck has been bid out and awarded to the highest bidder. Money needs to be divided between the two townships. Jacqueline Koski stated that she would check to make sure this is done.

Jill Rankinen went to no meetings:

Joseph Derocha went to the following meetings:

**Kennacott** – Had a meeting with the new head guy named Fernando van Herden. Kennacott is talking about using 550 again. They were over on County Road FY drilling a couple of holes by the bridge. Also there is talk about building a new mill. If this happens that will help the township in tax revenue.
The mills taxes would be on 80 million instead of 7 million.
**DNR –** A public hearing was held at Westwood high school. There were people protesting the electoral lines and the mine in general. Joe was the only one of the public there that was for the mine.

**Motion was made by Jacqueline Koski to "APPROVE THE BILLS" (Checks # 8424 – 8452 totaling $7,190.09) to be paid as presented. Marline Worth seconded it. Motion approved unanimously**.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**On file:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **ELF –** Joe Derocha has been in contact with Senator Levin. The bill has passed in the House. Should be passed by the first of the year and then at that point the Elf site will be put into Humboldt Township hands.
B. **Planning Commission Report/Ordinances –** Working on Master plan. Did not have a meeting in November. The board does have material to go over. Working on ordinances also.
C. **Rail Road Grade –** Joseph Derocha feels that Cliffs will allow Humboldt Township to own the grade. Joseph is working towards that goal. Rio Tinto has offered to purchase the grade but Cliffs refuse to sell to them.
D. **Trail Ordinance-** The Planning Commission will look into this and start working on this. The gate is opened to snowmobiles.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Planning Commission Appointment** – Joe recommends the board to appoint Gerald Plattenberg till the opening is reappointed in April 2011. **Motion was made by Barbara Mackey to appoint Gerald Plattenberg to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy until April of 2011. Marline seconded it. Motion approved unanimously.**
B.
C.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jill mentioned to Marline needs to contact Gary Laitala if there is use of the building so he may plow before the event.
Joe Wasie mentioned that at the landfill there is a big difference in the price of shingles if there is no wood and is only the shingle and nails.
Carol Neitzel asked where to take old computers you want to get rid of. Some of the recommendations were the school if in working conditions for the less fortunate. American is another place.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm
Submitted by: Jill Rankinen