JILL RANKINEN, Clerk
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January 14, 2008

(All Meetings Are Recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer - Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen - absent
Trustee –Marline Worth
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten

ATTENDENCE: Ron Norkoli, Jackie Koski, Joseph Wasie, Brad Quayle, Gary Laitala, Tom Prophet and Joe Derocha.

M/S/C to approve the minutes: (Barb/Tyrone). Corrections were noted and changed.

M/S/C to approve the agenda (Marline/Barb): Add under New Business: D. Board of Review training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Jackie recommended we have the people doing this research on Libraries come in and let them write down residents from our books themselves.
Marvin stated that Heritage trail resolution wasn't received so Jill will resend it.
Marvin thanked Tom for cutting the tree down on the pond.
Joe Wasie would like to give an older Polaroid camera to the township. Barb asked if she could look at it.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's Report (Jill/Tyrone).

COMMMITEE REPORTS:
Marvin went to the following meetings:

1. **Marquette Co. Rd. Commission** – Seasonal road and what to do with them. Private property owners are not allowed to plow snow onto the County roads.
2. **Board of Review** – only two changes.

Barbara reported on the following:

1. **Fire Department** – Next meeting on January 22, 2008.

Marline reported on the following meeting.

1. **West End Land Fill** – Talking about a raise. Next meeting in March.

Jill reported on the following meeting.

1. Two election meetings - information on upcoming elections. Jackie came with me to the meetings. Have to have an ID to vote.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 6988 through 7067.

M/S/C to approve the bills. (Marline/Tyrone)

CORRESPONDENCE: (This information will be on file for one year)

1. **Letter from Norine Maki** – Denying she had said anything disrespectful.
2. **Marquette County Treasurer** - Kennel Inspections are done by the Sheriff's Department. Zoning compliance is not considered in the kennel statute or the Michigan Department of Agriculture rules. December 6 there was meeting where they had a follow-up of Idea Exchange.
3. **Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library** – Minutes of Library Board.
4. **American Transmission Company** – About coming and speaking with the Board on the critical role the transmission system plays in bringing power to people and places and potential projects in our community.
5. **Thank you from the Rosten families** for having the sleigh rides and Santa. They had a great time.
6. **Signs at Helen Lake – M/S/C to buy signs for the North and South Shores of Helen Lake (Marline/Jill).**
7. **West End Library request** – to come and get list of residents in Humboldt.
8. **Elf Site Update** – Paul Arsenault is almost done with the letter.
9. **Board of County Road Commissioners** – 2008 Meeting Schedule.
10. **Marquette County Road** – information on updating dust control.
11. **Heritage Trail Info**

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **EMS Board report** -Meeting this month, January 22.

B. **Planning Commission** – Zoning Application for conditional use permit to construct an airstrip. Question on fuel for planes and where it would be stored. Amendment of Zoning map – Ken Fortin.

C. **Board of Review Replacement**- 4 applications – Lorraine Palmer, Ernest Harju, Katherine Kososki and Sam Pesola.

Board went in to Closed Section: Returned 10 minutes later with a vote of 3 to 2 that Sanford Pesola is the new replacement for Terry Gilmer's position. **M/S/C to accept Sanford Pesola as the new Board of Review Member (Barb/Tyrone).**

Board of Review Training- M/S/C to send Norine Maki and Sanford Pesola to the upcoming training meeting (Marline/Tyrone).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **P.A. System – M/S/C to go out on bid (Jill/Barb)**

B. **Air Conditioning – M/S/C not to request bids, and have Tyrone do the job as he is donating his labor (Jill/Barb).**

C. **Fish for Dam – M/S/C to buy 400 more fish for the pond (Marline/Tyrone).**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Jackie questioned the charge of hall use for a wedding reception. She thought it was $100 not $25. Barb stated it was $100.00 for wedding receptions. Marline was unaware of this but will make sure next time. Deposit can't be given back until Marline checks with Dave to see if the hall was left as it was found when rented.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen, Clerk

JILL RANKINEN, Clerk
MARLINE WORTH, Trustee

MARVIN RUSPAKKA, Supervisor

BARBARA MACKEY, Treasurer
TYRONE ROSTEN, Trustee

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February 11, 2008

(All Meetings Are Recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer - Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee –Marline Worth
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten

ATTENDENCE: Ron Norkoli, Jackie Koski, Joseph Wasie, Chad Filizetti, Gary Laitala, Tom Prophet, Chris Pelkola and Jim Bjorne.

M/S/C to approve the minutes: **(Marline/Barb)**. Marvin note to change that Jill was not absent. Marvin also felt more should have been said about the Letter from Norine Maki. Jill question what he would like stated in the minutes. Marvin stated that the incident involved Jill and her comments about Norine over 6 months ago.
M/S/C to approve the agenda (Tyrone/Barb):

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Marvin talked about the work bee the planning commission had earlier that week to work on the last bridge.
Marvin stated that he is keeping track of the number of copies that are being used on the copy machine. Last month almost 1000 copies were made.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's Report (Jill/Marline).

COMMMITEE REPORTS:
Marvin went to the following meetings:

1. **Marquette Co. Planners** –Jim Kippola & Thyra Karlstrom spoke about the FEMA and signs resolution

Barbara reported on the following:

1. **Fire Department/ EMS** – EMS- 4 runs last month. Next meeting on March 29, 2008.
2. **Central Dispatch** – To get on the no call list call 888-382-1222.

Jill reported on the following meeting.

1. **MTCA - Sheriff** Lovelace spoke about the cutbacks and how his Deputies have little time to do what needs to be done. Kevin Koch spoke and is running for District Court Judge.
2. **Elections -**

Marline reported on the following meeting.

1. **West End Land Fill –** No meeting this month**.** Next meeting in March.

2. **Iron Ore Heritage Trail** – They would like $500.00 from us to help with the trails. **M/S/C to not donate $500.00 to the trail system (Marline/Jill).** Jill will write a letter to Carol Fulsher.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 7067 through 7101.

Jill bought up the bill which will show next month from Bill Pepin for plowing at Helen Lake dumpsters. The bill has gone up this year $100.00.
M/S/C to have Bill Pepin send us a breakdown of number of times and dates of plowing and to pay the $300.00 (Barbara/Tyrone).
Jill will write a letter requesting this.
M/S/C to approve the bills. (Marline/Tyrone)

CORRESPONDENCE: (This information will be on file for one year)

1. **Tom Baldini** – Letter on Elf project
2. **U. S. Census** - If questions, number to call.
3. **NMU** – Brian D. Cherry, MPA, Ph. D. Center for Rural and Local Government Studies.
4. **County of Marquette Resource Management/Development Dept.** - Preparing a recreation plan that will help guide the next five years of recreation development and maintenance of county-owned recreation facilities.
5. **CUPPAD – Tax**/Parcel Mapping, Complying with the 14 Point Review.
6. **CUPPAD** – Thought on preparing for the impacts of mining in the UP.
7. **County of Marquette Clerk** – Chairperson Corkin of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners requested that all units of government be sent the letter from CUPPAD - Thoughts on preparing for the impacts of mining in the UP.
8. **Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library** – Monthly report.
9. **County of Marquette Resource Management/Development Dept.** – Humboldt Township Planning Commission sent in a map for the commission to review and comment. The amendment was on a application to rezone 80 acres East of Helen Lake, from Timber Production – 40 to Recreational Structure-1 described as T45N-R29W, Section 3, the W1/2 of the SW1/4. The Marquette County Planning Commission voted 5-0 not supporting the proposed map amendment.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **EMS Board report** – Given under Correspondence.
B. **Planning Commission** – Talking about having a Fishing Derby this summer. Also working on the bridge in the garage. Have work bee schedule for later this month.
C. **Elf Update**-Letter from Paul Arsenault letting us know that the next step will be to have a public hearing to obtain input from the township residents. And if all goes at the hearing the next thing would be to make the formal request to the Federal Government to transfer the property at no cost. **M/S/C to have a public hearing for input from residents as to what is wanted from the Elf Site (Marline/Barbara)**
D. **P. A Sound System Bid**. – Received two bids on the Sound System. The bids are from Hunter Audio and Superiorland Electronics. **M/S/C to look further into the quality of both units and table the decision till the next meeting (Barbara/Marline).**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Elevator-** February 7 Wright and Filippis was here to put the new batteries in the Elevator. At that time the repairman stated we have other problems with the unit. **M/S/C to not do any further repairs at this time until we can talk with the Elevator inspector (Barbara/Jill).**

B. **Fire Department –** Chris Pelkola spoke about a lift that is available for the new fire truck. This lift would reduce possible injuries and be more efficient. This would be the time to put it in as the truck is being assembled. **M/S/C to purchase the lift for $2850.00 and have it installed as the truck is being made (Jill/Barbara).**

C. **Complaint Policy –** Marvin felt we should have a complaint policy. **M/S/C to have a Complaint Policy where residents can put complaints in writing, signed by the person making the complaint, send it to the board, and be present at the board meeting when it is read (Jill/Marline).**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen, Clerk

JILL RANKINEN, Clerk
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March 10, 2008

(All Meetings Are Recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer - Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee –Marline Worth
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten

ATTENDENCE: Ron Norkoli, Joseph Wasie, Tom Prophet, Don Britton-Iron Ore Heritage Authority, Al Reynolds-Heritage Trail, Joseph Derocha, Lorraine Palmer, Audrey Ruspakka, Susan Cannon, Chuck Hurst, John Etelamaki, Joni Gleason, Amy Mceleney, Holly Ray, Ken Rautio.

M/S/C to approve the minutes: **(Marline/Tyrone)**. Marvin note to change under Correspondence, last sentence add Marquette County in front of Planning Commission.
M/S/C to approve the agenda (Tyrone/Barb):

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's Report (Jill/Marline).

COMMMITEE REPORTS:
Barbara reported on the following:

1. **Fire Department/ EMS** – Next meeting on March 29, 2008.
2. **MCTA** – Went into a group with the other treasurers at the meeting. Discussed going wireless and road millage.
3. **Central Dispatch** – Talked about the new 911 law and their radios. To get on the no call list call 888-382-1222.

Jill reported on the following meeting.

1. **MTCA –** Went into small groups. Connie Branam spoke with the clerks about some of the new laws that are taking place and bills that are in the legislator that will effect elections. Also was stated at the meeting that it was illegal to buy food for election workers. The next day Jill called MTA and asked if it was illegal to buy food to keep our workers at poll tables and not have anyone leave. MTA stated that this was not illegal.
2. **Clerk Meeting –** Discussed upcoming elections and gave out copies for people that will be running for elective offices.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 7102 through 7141. **M/S/C to approve the bills. (Marline/Tyrone)**

CORRESPONDENCE: (This information will be on file for one year)

1. **Bill Pepin** – Called Marvin and stated he would not write down the number of times or dates he plowed out the garbage area out at Helen Lake. Barb stated we need to have some proof and to have Marvin talk with him again. **M/S/C to have Bill Pepin plow next year for $300.00 per year (Jill/Barbara)**
2. **Michigan State Extension** - Information on upcoming meeting.
3. **Sheriff Lovelace** – Stated that he will be running for Sheriff, and that he has 12 years of experience, and asking for our support.
4. **Michigan Association Township Supervisor** – Dues are due. Marvin would like to renew this membership. **M/S/C to pay yearly dues of $20.00 (Barbara/Marline).**
5. **Wisconsin Electric** – Marvin will write to them stating we will not pay if M-Dot does not pay for the street lighting. **M/S/C to approve Marvin's letter (Barbara/Jill).**
6. **Ruth Kandoll** – Letter requesting $250.00 to help cost of Senior Meals at the Hall for a year. **M/S/C to give $250 to the Senior Meals for this year (Barbara/Jill).**
7. **Republic Township** – Developing a Master Plan for their township and would like input from our Planning Commission as we are their neighboring township.
8. **Marquette County Road Commission** - Seasonal Road Policy. Sent to all Townships.
9. **Marquette County Resource Management** – County comprehensive plan input wanted.
10. **Township Insurance Policy** – Yearly update.
11. **Carnegie Library Minutes** – On file.
12. **Elected Officials Academy** – March 27, 2008

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **EMS Board report** – Given under Correspondence.

B. **Planning Commission** – The third bridge is done at the dam. There was a total of over 200 hours of donated time given to construct and complete the bridge, and all was done in 8 days. Thank you to the guys that donated their time to this wonderful project.

C. Elf Update- Paul Arsenault was able to send Jill a copy of the booklets & diagrams via email which Jill copied and put together. The booklets are done and were given to Rick Nominelli to be sent out to our legislators.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **P A Sound System Bid – M/S/C to have Superiorland Electronics have the bid (Barbara/Tyrone).** They are willing to make sure the system works, and if it doesn't, they will find the unit that will work for us.

B. Heritage Trail Presentation – Don Britton talked about the Heritage Trail system. Chuck Hurst also talked about what Republic is doing by using the trail system. Mr. Britton thought that Humboldt Township Board did not support the Trail System because we did not pay $500 to them. The Board did sign the resolution supporting the Trail system but decided not to pay the $500.00. This matter was cleared up. A concerned

group consisting of Dr. Sue Cannon, Joni Gleason, Amy McEleney and Dr. Holly Ray, were present due to the Heritage Trail System not including horse riding on the trails. Mr. Britton stated horses were allowed on the trail and that it was an oversight not including horses in their booklet of the trail system. He would look into seeing that this matter was corrected.

C. **Budget** – Everything went well at the budget hearing held on March 29, 2008. The Township is doing very well.

D. Adopt General Poverty Guidelines – M/S/C to adopt the General Poverty Guidelines (Barb/Marline)

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen, Clerk

Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee
Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor
Barbara Mackey, Treasurer
Marline Worth, Trustee

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ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 29, 2008
6:30 PM

Attendance: Matt Eliason

Supervisor Ruspakka called the Annual Meeting to Order.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: All members of the board were present.

Approval of Minutes M/S/C approved minutes (Barb/Marline)

Approval of Agenda - M/S/C approved agenda (Jill/Barbara)

Balance of the Budget - Motion to approve the budget (Barbara):
In 2007-2008 our budget was $162,977.34

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business

a. M/S/C to keep the same Auditor- Anderson, Tackman & Company, CPA's (Barb/Jill).
b. M/S/C to keep the same Attorney Murphy & Clark (Barb/Jill.
c. M/S/C to approve the following lending institutions: (Jill/Barb).
   Peninsula Bank of Ishpeming
   Negaunee 1st National
   Ishpeming Federal Community Credit Union
d. M/S/C to keep the mileage the same – 50 cents per mile. The federal is up to 50.5 cents per mile.
e. M/S/C to keep the same all salaries and wage to stay the same(Barb/Marline).
f. M/S/C to keep Administration fees at 1% and penalties at 3 %.. (Barb/Jill)
g. M/S/C --The Truth and Taxation – Resolution was presented earlier.
h. M/S/C to keep Township fees to stay the same.(Barb/Marline)
i. **Budget Hearing** -was presented by the Supervisor. See Attached sheets. The only change was to move $20,000.00 from Sanitation to Building and Grounds(Jill/Tyrone).

Total budget is **$212,260.00** the 2008 - 2009

Public Comment:
None

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10.

Jill Rankinen
Humboldt Township Clerk

MARVIN RUSPAKKA, Supervisor
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March 29, 2008

Special Meeting
"Truth In Taxation"

Supervisor Ruspakka called the special meeting of the Humboldt Township Board to order at 6:00 pm. All members present but one:

Supervisor – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer - Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee –Marline Worth
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten - Absent

ATTENDENCE: Marvin Ruspakka and Audrey Ruspakka.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/S/C to approve minutes (Barb/Marline)
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M/S/C to approve agenda. (Jill/ Barb)
CORRESPONDENCE: None
OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS:

Truth In Taxation Hearing – An increase of .2550 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2008. If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 3.29% over such revenues generated by levies permitted with out holding a hearing.

M/S/C to approve the Truth In Taxation presented (Jill/Barbara)
Roll Call vote 4 ayes, 0Nays, and 1 absent

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm. Recorded minutes are available through the Clerk's office and can be obtained by request.

Submitted by:

Jill Rankinen
Humboldt Township Clerk

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April 14, 2008

(All Meetings Are Recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer - Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee –Marline Worth
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten

ATTENDENCE: Ron Norkoli, Jackie Koski, Joseph Wasie, Tom Prophet, Joseph Derocha, Lorraine Palmer, Gary Laitala, Kevin Koch and Tom Prophet.

M/S/C to approve the minutes: **(Barb/Marline)**. Marvin note to change under Heritage trail, Al Reynolds name to Don Britton.

M/S/C to approve the agenda (Marline/Tyrone):

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Kevin Koch spoke about the upcoming election where he will be running for Circuit Judge. Judge Weber will be stepping down.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's Report (Jill/Marline).

COMMMITEE REPORTS:
Marvin reported on the following:

1. **Marquette County Road Commission** – Talked about how much is being spent on road in Marquette County and what roads were being worked on.

Barbara reported on the following:

1. **Fire Department/ EMS** – Gave the board members the new budget. M/S/C to accept the budget for 2008-2009(Barbara/Jill).
2. **MCTA** – Sheriff Lovelace talked.
3. **Central Dispatch** – Talked about the new 911 law and their radios.

Marline reported on the following:

1. **Marquette Sanitation Meeting** – good meeting. State wide cleanup. Sheriff's department will have the prisoners work on April 17, July 17, and October 16 for the west end.
2. **Heritage trail meeting** – Mainly talk about Ishpeming and Negaunee.

Jill reported on the following meeting.

1. **MTCA** – Barb had given report- good meeting.

2. **Clerk Meeting –** Discussed upcoming elections and gave out copies for people that will be running for elective offices.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 7142 through 7194.
M/S/C to approve the bills. (Marline/Tyrone)

CORRESPONDENCE: (This information will be on file for one year)

1. **City of Ishpeming** – Library contract
2. **Law Weather & Richardson** – Rural Development Seminar
3. **Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library Minutes.**
4. **Par Plan representative**
5. **Michigan Building Code**
6. **Marq. Co. Equalization Department**
7. **Bjorne – Thank you**
8. **Heritage Trail Information.**
9. **MDOT -** Information meeting on 4/17/08 and 9/11/08
10. **Township Mitigation Plan- M/S/C – to accept the resolution as written (Barb/Jill).**
11. **Keweenaw Scrap Metal**
12. **Hazardous Waste Schedule**
13. **MDOT** – Pre-construction Meeting on Tuesday 4/15/08 at 9 am
14. **DEQ** – Permit Hamlin Section 1
15. **Michigan Sales Act**
16. **Kyle Mackey Resignation of Sexton & Groundskeeper.**
17. **MTA Cemetery Management & Election meeting.**
18. **Resource management/development Department** – Zoning map or rezoning
19. **Ambulance Advantage**
20. **Evacuation Handbook**

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **EMS Board report** – Given under Correspondence.
B. **Planning Commission** – Working on the forms for the bridge on May 24 and will pour the cement on the 31st of May. Plans are coming along good for the Fishing Derby.
C. **Elf Update-** Rick Nominelli sent us a copy of the letters he has sent to Bart Stupak, Steven Lindberg, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Senator Michael Prusi. In this letter he asked Bart Stupak to put into legislation so Humboldt Township could receive Elf at no charge. The other letters were to ask for the support of this legislation.
D. **P A Sound System – M/S/C to purchase a stand for the microphone (Barbara/Tyrone).**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Street Lights –** Marvin read a letter from Paul Hamel requesting a streetlight to be put up on the US 41 in front of his place of business.
M/S/C to deny a street light at Paul Hamel's business located on Hwy 41 (Barbara/Tyrone).

B. Sexton and Groundskeeper Position – Marvin read the letter from Kyle Mackey resigning from his position of Sexton and Groundskeeper.
M/S/C to accept Kyle's resignation (Barbara/Tyrone).

C. Township Dam and Ball field – Marvin brought up that we should name the Township Dam after Sanford Pesola. He also felt that we should rename the Ball field. Jackie Koski stated that there had been a big ceremony when the Ball field had been named after William Koski, Sr.
M/S/C to table this and get more information on this (Barbara/Jill).

D. Newsletter - May 12 is when articles are to be in for the spring newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen, Clerk

JILL RANKINEN, Clerk
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May 12, 2008

(All Meetings Are Recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer - Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee –Marline Worth
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten

ATTENDENCE: Ron Norkoli, Jackie Koski, Joseph Wasie, Brad Quayle, Tom Prophet, Joseph Derocha, Gary Laitala, and Tom Prophet.

M/S/C to approve the minutes: (Marline/Tyrone).

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Jackie handed out a detailed report on how and when the ballpark was named William G. Koski Memorial Field. This is on file.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's Report: (Jill/Tyrone).

COMMMITEE REPORTS:
Marvin reported on the following:

1. **Kennecott** – Talked about cleaning up the Humboldt Mine, costing 80 million dollars. No smelting of any kind will be going on at the Mine site.

Barbara reported on the following:

1. **Fire Department/ EMS** – Gave the board members the new budget. M/S/C to accept the budget for 2008-2009(Barbara/Jill).
2. **MCTA** – Sheriff Lovelace talked.
3. **Central Dispatch** – Talked about the new 911 law and their radios.

Marline reported on the following:

1. **Heritage trail meeting** –

Jill reported on the following meeting.

1. **MTCA** – Barb had given report- good meeting.
2. **Clerk Meeting** – Discussed upcoming elections and gave out copies for people that will be running for elective offices.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 7194 through 7239.
M/S/C to approve the bills: (Marline/Tyrone)

CORRESPONDENCE: (This information will be on file for one year)

1. **Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority** – Bond payments 2008
2. **Board of County Road Commissioners** – 2008 Dust Control Agreements
3. **Marquette County Clerk** – Kennecott's plan to use the abandoned Humboldt Mill for refining Rock from the Eagle Project.
4. **2008 MTA Web Site Mapping Data Survey**
5. **Department of Transportation** – Map of MDOT's "Paving the Way".
6. **Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library Minutes.**
7. **County of Marquette** – The County Line
8. **Board of County Road Commissioners** – FY2007 Annual Report, which includes Financial Statements and the Act 51 Report, for your use.
9. **Wisconsin Electric Power Company** – Notice of hearing on May 28 2008 in Lansing.
10. **CUPPAD** – will map utilities for our township if needed, but at a cost.
11. **Marquette County Ambassadors** – Minutes of last meeting.
12. **Board of County Road Commissioners** – Informational Item/Meeting Notice for U.P. Traffic Safety Committee Meeting on My 21 at 10 AM.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **EMS Board report** – Given under Correspondence.

B. Planning Commission – DNR Ron Yesney was at the last meeting. The members of the planning commission has decided to change the slope of the ramp on the new bridge. It is too steep. Work Bee the 17th of May to work on this. Also on the 24th will build forms and on the 31st will pour forms.

C. Elf Update- No word on anything.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sexton and Groundskeeper Position – There was no applications for the job. **M/S/C to give Wil Rankinen the job for the summer months until he goes to back to college (Barbara/Tyrone)..**

B. Fishing Derby – Plans are coming along good. Date is the 7th of June from 10am – 2 pm.

C. Web Site Update – Wil Rankinen will be working on the website this summer.

D. Township Trash Pickup- Marvin Mackey & Ron Ogea will be working the trash pickup July 11, 4 – 8 pm and July 12, 8 am to 4 pm.
Wil Rankinen will haul the metal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen, Clerk

Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee

Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor

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June 9, 2008

(All Meetings Are Recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka called the regular meeting of the Humboldt Township Board to order at 7 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, with no members absent:

Supervisor – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten
Trustee – Marline Worth

ATTENDANCE: Brad Quale, Tom Prophet, Jacqueline Koski, and Jose Wasie.

M/C to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting with one correction. (It should have read poured concrete not forms). (Barbara/Marline).

M/C to approve the agenda: (Barbara/Tyrone).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Wasie asked it there has been any news about Kennecott Mining. There has been no word as of yet.

M/C to approve the Treasurer's Report: (Marline/Tyrone). Barbara reported that the $50,000 CD for the General Fund, and the $15,000 CD for the Road Fund have expired, and the Board voted to give her permission to combine the two CD's into one for one year, and they will create more interest because of the larger amount. The CD's are purchased from the Peninsula Bank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barbara reported on the following:

1. **MCTA** – Greg Sicotte, Building and Project Manager for Marquette County, requested feedback from the Township ZBA/Planning Commissions, and would like a meeting set up in November to discuss issues. Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Maintenance permits will be accepted at the Marquette County Health Department to help the people on the west end of the County. He also asked that a description of building material be put on the permits so inspectors will know what they should be looking for.
2. **MTA** - Meeting was held in Escanaba. Partnership and teamwork was stressed.
3. **BS&A** – Barbara would like to attend the class for Treasurers, which will be held on June 20th at the Ramada Inn in Marquette. **(Jill/Tyrone).**

Marline reported on the following:

1. **MCSWA** - A new septic tank and drain field has been installed, and it should be good for 30 years. The road with the bridge going into to the Landfill is in really bad condition. Rick is going to get in touch with the Marquette County Road Commission.

2. **Heritage Trail** – A request for .2 mills is going to be put on the November ballot for up to 6 years. This will generate $3,600 from Humboldt Township in the first year.

Marvin reported on the following:

1. **Marquette County Road Commission** – The Commission has lost two foremen, so dust control will start in mid June. The cost is a 60/40 split. They will be using mineral well brine. One complaint that was expressed is that the road crew is not distributing all of the brine. It is going to take about 3 weeks to repair the sweeper before they can do our roads and streets. The liability for bicycles and motorcycles is much greater is the streets and roads are not swept.

Jill reported on the following:

1. **MTA** – Worked on what Humboldt Township needs and wants within their Township. To encourage growth, work has to be done to bring in businesses and residents. Plan for growth along the US41/M-95 corridor.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 7241-7290. **(Marline/Tyrone).**

CORRESPONDENCE: (This information will be on file for one year).

1. **FEMA** – Flood maps and Flood News magazine.
2. **MCSW** – Marvin stated that there is going to be a $10 minimum charge per load for all haulers bringing waste to the Marquette County Landfill. He said that he wasn't sure if that included the WMCSA, but it is a part of the County Landfill. Jill asked if we should still use tickets for the landfill, and Marvin said it would be two tickets which would be $10. In other words, don't go with one ticket.
3. **U.P. Power Company** – Replacement of mercury to sodium bulbs is being done, and when finished, customers will receive a $.24 decrease in their monthly bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **FIRE/EMS** – Cheryl was absent. All members will be required to have a driver's education class. This is a requirement of the State. **M/S/C (Marline/Jill)** to re-appoint Chris Ray on the Board to represent Humboldt Township.
2. **Planning Commission** - The Township Board praised the Planning Commission on all the work that was done with the pond area and building the bridges. Also, on all of the work they put into in planning and organizing the First Annual Children's Fishing Derby. Work has been started for an ordinance concerning adult entertainment.
3. **Elf** – Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

The fishing derby was a great success. Eight- eight (88) children registered for the derby, and everyone won a prize. Joe Derocha cooked hot dogs and brats, and all had a good time. A big thank you goes out to all the people that made this project possible, and to all the individuals and businesses that donate prizes and food.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marquette County Road Commission will be checking the County roads for missing signs, and they will install them along the highways and County roads. Fire numbers will be ordered, and the posts have been picked up.

Jackie questioned on what the legalities for Township donations. Jill will check with the MTA. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Submitted by:

Jill Rankinen, Clerk

Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee

Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer
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July 14, 2008
(All Meetings are Recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten
Trustee – Marline Worth

ATTENDANCE: Jackie Koski, Joe Wasie, and David Wiljanen

PUBLIC COMMENT:
M/S/C to move the meeting outside temporarily to view the new fire truck that was purchased by the Champion/Humboldt Township Fire Department (Barbara/Marline). Chief Chris Pelkola was there to answer any questions.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting. (Marline/Barbara).

M/S/C to approve the agenda with additions. (Barbara/Tyrone). Add to Old Business – D. Trash rolloffs and E. Donation to Seniors. Add to New Business – D office Equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Marvin asked if anyone uses the hall, make sure all of the windows are locked. There haven't been any problems so far, but just for safety, this should always be done. Marvin asked Dave to inspect the windows when he comes in to clean. Jill noticed the light were on in the hall late one evening so she stopped to turn them off. Barbara also noticed the lights on one day, so who ever is using the hall is forgetting to turn lights off. Jill also asked Marline to check with Dave after a hall rental to make sure that everything thing is intact and cleaned before she returns their deposit. The hall has been left dirty with some damages, and their deposit would take care of the expense of cleaning. Dave will let Marline know if the deposit should be returned or kept. Jackie said that the statement concerning was incorrect. A $10 inspection fee will be charged to haulers taking refuse into the County Landfill. This charge does not pertain to individuals taking anything into the WMCSA. The charge remains at $5 per 100.

M/S/C to approve the treasurer report (Jill/Marline).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marvin reported on the following:

1. **Marquette County Road Commission** – The week of June 26th the sweeper was to be back. MDOT is sending their sweepings to the landfill. County is going to test at the county. If

they put it in the hopper they have to hall it back. Will be having public meeting to share with the public. In the past not many people have shown up. The budget is not good. Will have to cut back services. At this time it is 60/ 40 which mean the township pays 60 % and the county covers only 40 %. If you get a private contractor to work on a road in a township, the township will have to cover !00% of the cost.

Marline reported on the following:

2. **MCSWA** – Jail crew clean up at the site (MCSWA). Water sample are being taken care by three men. Kewanee Metal is picking up tires. Jim's Car Wash can no longer pump sand on the ground at the transfer station.
3. **Heritage Trail** – June 25th was the meeting. July 2 construction of the trail will start at the Brownstone. O'Brien's will only allow bikes and snowmobile to go through there land.

Jill reported on the following:

1. **MTA District Meeting** – Information on file on rural development.
2. **Clerks Meeting** – Meeting at Humboldt for Election worker is on the 24th of July. Accuracy Test will be done at the Ishpeming Township hall at 11 am on the 28th. Looking for people to be election inspector. Diane Perry will be the Chairperson for August 5 election.

Approval of the bills: Check numbers 7291-7339 **(Marline/Tyrone).**

CORRESPONDENCE: (This information will be on file for one year).

1. **CUPPAD** – Membership Dues – **M/S/C to pay the $100.00 for membership (Barb/Jill).** There are a lot of benefits the local governments of the UP receive.
2. **Department of Transportation-** Changes taking place in Escanaba Transportation Service Center Manger and their Superior Region Systems Engineer.
3. **MTA** – Workshop on Special Assessment Procedures and Ordinance Enforcement Strategies. It will be held at Escanaba on July 223 at the Heirman Center at Bay College.
4. **Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority-** Tipping fee will be keep at the same price.
5. **Public Service Commission** – information on new legislation known as Public Act 480 of 2006, MCL 484.3301 et seq, the "Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act."
6. **Great Lakes Center for Youth Development** – form to fill out.
7. **Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library** – Minutes
8. **Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority**- Minutes.
9. **Hannala Insurance** – review if need any changes.
10. **UP Cable Company is being sold to Cable American LLC. - M/S/C to agree for change over if Charter can not come in (Barbara/Tyrone).**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **FIRE/EMS** – June 26 – Looked at the new fire truck. Only cost the department $29,103. Having a driver training class and Chris and Brad will be going. Hall rental for the fire hall will be $100 for weddings, family parties plus $100 deposit. $25 for small parties. **M/S/C to approve rental contract (Jill /Tyrone).**
2. **Planning Commission** - Nothing.
3. **Elf** – Nothing new.
4. **Trash rolloffs** – We had 3 rolloffs that were level. On Monday someone came and heaped up one of the rollover. Marvin went and got the front end loader and would like to charge the township $100.00. M/S/C to pay Marvin $100 to pack down dumpster

(Marline/Barbara). M/S/C we will only pay who are hired next year but will pay Melissa Maki for her help (Barb/Tyrone).

5. **Donation to Seniors** - It is unlawful to give money to seniors.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Dam Survey – M/S/C to have EMI Survey the dam area (Jill/Tyrone).**
2. **Thank you note to The Mining Journal – M/S/C to send a Thank you to all the people that donated to the fishing derby from the township board and the planning commission.**
3. **Dumpsters at Helen Lake – M/S/C to have Marvin go to the Helen Lake meeting and talk to them about the garbage around the dumpsters (Barbara/Jill).** The lid on one of the dumpster is too heavy to lift up. Al Johnson said that if this is solved then he will call the DNR. Discussed possibly putting a extra dumpster out at Helen Lake. Four instead of the three that is there. This was tabled until Marvin talks to the residents.
4. **Office Equipment – M/S/C to purchase flat screen monitors, scanner, keyboards and mouse for Barb and Jill's computers (Jill/Barb). M/S/C to pay Wil Rankinen $9.00 to work on the web site.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Submitted by:

Jill Rankinen, Clerk

Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee

Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor

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August 11, 2008
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Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten
Trustee – Marline Worth

ATTENDANCE: Jackie Koski, Joe Derocha, John Etelamaki, and Tom Prophet

Marvin asked why his request to have the minutes of the meetings given to him at least a week early. Jill stated that it was an over site, and the request would be added to the corrected minutes. **M/S/C** to approve the minutes of the July 14 regular meeting. (**Barbara/Marline**).

M/S/C to approve the agenda with additions. (**Barbara/Jill**). Add to Old Business E – election commission appointee. Under New Business D – Computer for Zoning Administrator; E – Township Donation to Senior Program; F – Gravel for Helen Lake area; G – Basement lights.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marvin questioned the time designated for office hours of the Clerk on Tuesdays. Jill said that they are from 9 am – 12 noon. Marvin said that Jackie's time card is not consistent with what the time should be. Jackie is either supposed to be there at the times designated, or change the hours, but she should be there at the regular posted hours. Marvin also questioned the time that was charged for delivering applications to vote and ballots to Eldred Rautio. Barbara said that she was at the hall on August 5th at 9:15 am and people were waiting to see the Clerk. Jackie was out getting supplies for the Election Board and voters, and didn't get to the hall until 9:15. The people waiting needed tax information that the Clerk's office couldn't supply, so that was the Treasurer's responsibility.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marvin attended the Rio Tinto/Kennecott Mining Company meeting that was held in Marquette. They still hope to get started on mine construction this fall, if everything goes as they hope. If not this fall, then as soon as they can get started next spring.

There are plans to invest approximately $80 million dollars into the Humboldt Mine, and they will be putting in a water treatment plant, and pipe the water directly into the Escanaba River so the houses along the Wolf Lake Road would be protected.

Marvin also checked on the work being done just beyond the Wolf Lake Road. That is swampland mitigation.

Barbara attended the 911 meeting. They emergency workers are having some trouble with reception near Gwinn, but as a whole, everything is working very well. Marvin asked if Barbara received a new radio. He said that he has refused getting it, and said to give it to Barbara.

Jill had two meetings pertaining to the upcoming election. The public accuracy test and the school for election inspectors, which are required.

M/S/C to approve payment of the bills. Jill questioned the charge for Anderson, Tackman for filling out the Annual F-65 form. She thought the charge was excessive. Barbara questioned the Card member Services charge. Jill explained that was for hers and Diane Perry's meal while attending meeting concerning the upcoming election. (#7329-7389) **(Marline/Tyrone)**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Marvin received an application from Michael Rankinen to apply for the job of sexton. **M/S/C** to hire Mike for the job. Marvin said that all the mowing should be done for Labor Day. **(Tyrone/Barbara).**

OLD BUSINESS:

EMS Board – None

Planning Commission – April, May, & June minutes were presented. The work is still being done on the ordinance for adult entertainment, roads, condos, etc. The plans are to have one hearing for all the issues to save money. Work on the air conditioner is still being done, and discussions about the location of a pavilion are still going on. The dam area has been surveyed. Marvin praised the work that the Planning Commission has done.

Elf Site – Nothing has been done since Greg Nominelli left the LSCP. Lois Ellis has inquired about the progress, but none has been made.

Helen Lake Dumpsters – Covers have been put on and they are bolted down so they are not flying around.

Election Commission Appointee – Marvin read the requirements for being on the election board. No immediate relatives are allowed to serve is a member of a family is on the ballot. Jackie explained that the issue came up at the election school, Connie Branam, Marquette County Clerk, was asked if it was legal to have Barbara's daughter in law serve on the election board. Connie stated that she would not recommend it against it because it could be challenged. Barbara called the County Clerk's office and was told that it would be legal. Jackie questioned Barbara's actions, and thought that it is Jill's job to handle issues pertaining to the Clerk's position.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission – The Commission has discussed the installation of lights on the bridge. Marvin talked to Rocky Brooks who suggested that we have Frailing Electric come in and wire a 100-amp box on the pole by the dam. Cost estimated to be about $150. **M/S/C** to hire Frailing Electric. **(Jill/Barbara).**

Piano -Marvin received a call from a party willing to donate a spinet piano to the Township. A notice will be posted to make an offer, or just remove the large old piano from the hall. **M/S/C** to accept the donation of the piano. **(Barbara/Marline).**

Labor Day Festivities – A committee consisting of Judy Lahtela, Debbi Brooks, Amanda Lindholm, and Carole Neitzel, have been working on organizing a parade, games, potluck lunch, etc. to coincide with the bridge walk. There will be a flag rising to start off the event. Jackie asked it napkins and paper cups that are in the township kitchen could be used, and Marvin said no Township money would be used for the event. The committee is supposed to go out and solicit donations.

Computer for Zoning – The computer that Sam is using for zoning is old and not working properly. **M/S/C** to purchase a new computer from Maki Consulting, and have Brian Maki transfer all information needed from the old one into the new computer. **(Barbara/Jill).**

Township Donation – The Township has always supported the senior citizen program. Because the seniors meal program is not a private function, it is legal for the Township to make a donation.

Gravel for Helen Lake – The Helen Lake Association requested 80 tons of gravel for their roads. They are wondering if they can go through the Township for funding the cost. The Township cost is 60% and the County is 40%. This gravel is mostly on their private road, so Marvin said that he would inquire with the Marquette County Road Commission. Jackie questioned the legality of spending Township monies on private roads. **M/S/C** to buy to gravel for Helen Lake roads on the condition that the County is willing to pay the 40% cost. **(Barbara/Marline).**

Basement Lights – The basement lights are very dim. **M/S/C** to have Dave pick up some new light fixtures. **(Tyrone/Barbara).**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John asked about wire in the basement.
Jackie asked if anybody knows where the Township camera is. Nobody knows.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Submitted by:

Jill Rankinen

Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee

Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer
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September 8, 2008
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Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten
Trustee – Marline Worth

ATTENDANCE: Jackie Koski, Joe Derocha, John Etelamaki, Michael Rankinen and Tom Prophet

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular board meeting. (**Marline/Tyrone**). With the following changes:
Marvin stated he would like to have the minutes a week before so he could make any correction. Oversite was spelled wrong. Should have been oversight Page 2, last paragraph. Marvin did not refuse the radio from Central Dispatch, but told them to give it to Barbara.

M/S/C to approve the agenda with no additions. (**Barbara/Tyrone**).

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Lorraine questioned about the ordinances. Marvin informed Lorraine how the planning commission is combining all the new ordinances so there will be only one hearing on them. Lorraine stated there would also be a Historical Society meeting at 2pm on the 10th of September at the Humboldt Hall.
Jennifer Mazzuchi stated she will be running for Circuit Judge and asked for us to support her.
Marvin stated there is several rumors going around that he is jealous of someone's husband and the other rumor is that Marvin has it in for someone. He feels this boarders on slander. Marvin also stated that he is being accused of taking it out on her children when he was a teacher. He asked for it to be stopped. He has had enough of this stuff.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Marvin attended the Marquette County Road Commission Meeting. He has the budget for the 2009 year. Gas prices are up; Asphalt prices are also very high. There is a 60/40 split now. Township would pay 60 % of the cost and the county would pay 40 % of the cost to repave a road.

Barbara attended the 911 meeting. 911 was having trouble with the Negaunee township tower, but has been repaired. November 22, 2008 there will be a show on Radios at the Holiday Inn. 911 is talking about moving into another building other then the State Police Post. Negaunee would be the central for the whole Upper Peninsula. New trainees are attending the meeting. Next meeting is

September 22. Marvin question what the user fee was going to be. Barbara stated that the board has not gotten that far.
The other meeting Barb went to was the Champion Humboldt Emergency Service Board. There were 66 units that competed and Champion Humboldt came in 5th. No call this month. There is a training session for the EMS on the 10 and the 18th. Champion Township painted the fire hall building. It cost $2200 and our board did not approve it. Marvin felt that it was not going to hold up because it was painted with latex.
Barbara stated that her term and Cheryl on the Champion Humboldt Emergency Service Board would be up in November. Needs to be voted on no later then next meeting. At the fire hall two new doors need to be put on. A keyless lock is the way they would like to go so that it is easier to get in saving time. Vision is not any better with the new drive way. Have to make a new application. Marvin went to the firemen's meeting where they were talking about the driveway. Marvin called MDOT and talked to Andy who would like us to try as is for a while.

Jill had one meetings pertaining to the Heritage Trail. At the meeting they talked about the upcoming signs for the trail between Ishpeming and Negaunee. The trail has been paved. Talked also about the trail going from Humboldt to Republic. Republic is doing work on their own, to improve the Republic trail area. Jill mention it may be good for Humboldt township to look at this also. Jill and Michael went for a walk with the group after the meeting. Jill reported how nice the trail is and a lot of people are using it. Everyone needs to take a walk on it when they are in town.

M/S/C to approve payment of the bills **(Tyrone/Marline)**

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **MTA** – Planning and Zoning Class at NMU. Sambo and Joe will be going to the meeting. Jill will call them and take care signing them up for the meeting.
2. **Michigan Planners Inc.** – Health care.
3. **Carnegie Library Minutes** – on file
4. **Soil and Erosion Division** – Harvala by Casey Lake is doing some work.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. EMS Board – Reported earlier
B. Planning Commission – June and July minutes are on file. Talking about putting a pavilion where the basketball courts are. We need to keep the basketball courts in same area. **M/S/C to table it for now and have the planning commission keep the basketball court in the same area(Barbara/Marline).** Jackie said we should contact CUPPAD to have them help to design the new improvements the planning commission would like done.
C. Elf Site – Nothing has been done.
D. Dam Wiring – Talk to Wisconsin Electric and they will come up with a estimate.
E. Labor Day doings –Great turnout. There was plenty of food with over 250 people there. Many thanks to: Amanda Lindholm, Debbie Brook, Judy Laitala, Carol Mackey, Missy Sevegney and Carole Neitzel.
F. Web site –Jill talked to Sam and he said he would have the time to work on the website. **M/S/C to have Sam and Jill Pesola work on the web site (Barbara/Tyron). They will be paid $9.00 per hour.**

NEW BUSINESS: none
PUBLIC COMMENT:
Jackie talked about the computers.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen

Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Tyrone Rosten, Trustee

Marvin Ruspakka, Supervisor

Barbara Mackey, Treasurer
Marline Worth, Trustee

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October 10, 2008
(All Meetings are recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten
Trustee – Marline Worth

ATTENDANCE: Jackie Koski, Ron Norkoli Tom Prophet, Joe Derocha, John Etelamaki, Don Britton, Carol Fulsher and Norman Luoma.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular board meeting (Barb/Tyrone) with the following changes:
Add Marline Worth to Old Business E.

M/S/C to approve the agenda with no additions. (Barbara/Marline).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marvin stated we have a new piano that was donated to the hall. The guy that gave us the piano will have someone come in and tune the piano. If anyone would like the old piano they may come and take it. Marvin came in last week and found the door open and the water running in the women's bathroom. Please make sure the door is locked and no water is running if you are using the building.

M/**S/C** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented**. (Jill/Tyrone)**. Barbara was wondering if we should put some money into a CD or wait. We will need money in the spring for some of our upcoming projects Marvin asked that it be tabled till the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Marvin attended the West End Library Community meeting. They did a survey through NMU and found most people are not interested in a new library at this time. November 3rd is the next meeting. Marvin has the survey on file. Marvin is checking to see if we can use the Westwood library.
Kennecott meeting - The Humboldt mine has been bought by Kennecott Mining Company. They still have the option to buy the pit. They are working on new roads. Marvin told them he was concerned about the traffic and where it could be going. Kennecott stated they would be putting an overpass over US 41. Marvin was also told them he was worried about the water supply so Kennecott will be putting a filtration for all water and then pipe it into the Escanaba River. Jon Cherry was supposed to be here tonight to talk, but was unable to make it. He will be present at the

next meeting. Marvin also corrected himself on the fact that Kennecott has changed the name to Rio Tinto.
Barbara attended the MTCA meeting. Not much is happen there. October 23 there will be a potluck dinner and meeting at Michigamme Township. All is invited. The state tree is coming from Richmond Township and will be cut on November 6, 2008.
The other meeting Barb went to was the committee for the banquet. They are looking at Jasper Ridge and the meals will be somewhere around $26 per plate.
911 Meeting – They are improving on the towers so radio connection is a lot better. They do have a problem with the radios working in the hospital.
No Fire Board meeting till the end of November.

Marline went to the following:
West End Sanitation Meeting-Dan Hupp has been laid off. Looking for someone to replace Dan due to his illness.
Iron Ore Heritage Trail Meeting – Have a presentation coming up in this meeting.

Jill went to the MTCA. Looking for ways to get more people out to the meetings. I also went to 4 meeting down state put on by MTA and the TGA. The meetings were very interesting and had a lot of information to them. We need to have a master plan. Marvin would like Jill to make copies and hand them out to the board.

M/S/C to approve payment of the bills **(Tyrone/Marline).**

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Marquette County Road Commission** – Helen Lake Road. Cost to work on road is $3000. Helen Lake is willing to pay $1500.00. Marvin is looking into it and finding out what is involved.
2. **Carnegie Library Minutes** – on file
3. **Frailing Electric – Estimate 200 amp box - $1047.00**
4. **Marquette County ATV ordinance** – Making a Countywide Nov 12 meeting on this ordinance. **M/S/C to accept the countywide ordinance as read (Jill/Barbara).**
5. **Emergency Board Letter – Brad Hamel** – If spending more then $500 must be presented to the boards.
6. **Telecommunication Company** - Off of County Road 601. Marvin contacted the company and there will be a correction with zoning.
7. **MTCA** – Dinner at Michigamme Township on October 23, 2008.
8. **Flood Plain newsletter** – on file.
9. **ATC information** – Would come and talk if you like to have them come and talk at a meeting.
10. **Letter from Gabriel Caplet - FOFI Coordinator** – freedom of information. Marvin will call and take care of this.
11. **Annual audit of the Marquette County Sanitation** – on file
12. **CUPPAD** – Meeting October 15, 2008 on rural planning.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **EMS Board** – No report.
B. **Planning Commission** – Working on the Pavilion. Copy of the plan. Give opinion at the next meeting.
C. **Web Page** – Sam is working on it. Need information for it.

D. **Pavilion** – The Planning commission is looking at putting the new pavilion where the basketball court is and put the basketball court further from the pond behind the play area.
E. **Heritage Trail** – Carol Fulsher gave a presentation on the trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Dam Wiring** – Have already talked about this.
B. **Newsletter** – 10th of the November.
C. **Christmas Party** – December 13, 2008 Santa will be at the hall from 1-3pm.
D. Communication Tower – already covered.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Marvin has a jail crew coming in. Taking part of old table and making newer ones.
If any projects we would like to have the jail crew just let Marvin know.

Natalie Young has over 100 signatures from Casey and Helen Lake. Road has been getting worse over the last 10 years. No work has been done to it. During the spring if you don't have a 4 wheel drive you can't get in or out. Tires are being blown out on this road. Want to know where the money is going to fix roads. This road needs to be worked on. Barbara was asked to find out how much money is being giving to the county from our taxes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Submitted by: Jill Rankinen

Jill Rankinen, Clerk
Jacqueline Koski, Trustee
Joseph Derocha, Supervisor
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Marline Worth, Trustee

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November 10, 2008
(All Meetings are recorded)

Supervisor Ruspakka 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 – Marvin Ruspakka
Treasurer – Barbara Mackey
Clerk – Jill Rankinen
Trustee – Tyrone Rosten
Trustee – Marline Worth

ATTENDANCE: Jackie Koski, Gabriel Caplett, Bill Kinjorski, Teresa Bertoss, Emily Whittaker, John Etelamaki, Scott Bound, Anna Mattson, Natalie Young, Joe Wasie, Joseph Derocha, Tom Prophet and Ron Norkoli.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular board meeting (Barb/Marline). Correct QUPPAD to CUPPAD.

M/S/C to approve the agenda with two addition (Jill/Barbara). Add to New Business – C. EMS Board Appointment and D. Kennecott – Rio Tinto.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Anna Mattson has a place on Helen Lake and complained about the road out by Helen and Casey Lake. Over the years it has been getting so bad that if you do not have a 4 wheel drive you won't make it out there in the spring. Ms. Mattson stated the road has not been worked on at all. Asked if the board remembered when a group from Helen and Casey Lake went to the Road Commission and at that time and the Road Commission stated that they would start working on improvement on the road. There are over 100 residents that use that road in the summer and some are living there year around. The County Road Commission would come and grade the road once in a great while and just push large rocks into the middle of the road that could damage a vehicle. Ms. Mattson wanted to know how much in taxes was the road commission getting just from that area? She was wondering also how much money did the township have for roads. Barbara stated she would be able to have some figures by the end of the month. Ms. Mattson asked that the six mile section be worked on. Marvin stated he would look into it along with Barb and see what could be done. There is supposed to be a gravel pit out near Helen Lake that we may be able to use to get the gravel we need for the road. Will look into who has the gravel pit and see if this will help. Natalie Young was also at the meeting continuing her support to find help for the six miles of road. Marvin stated he had talk to the Road Commission a while back and they had promise to start working on a mile of that road a year. Tyrone stated his road is very bad and Marvin said that County Road 476 is also very bad that goes through to Greenwood.

M/S/C to make a motion that the board will write a letter in support of help needed from the Marquette Road Commission for the road out at Casey and Helen Lake (Jill/Barbara).
Jackie Koski stated it is Marquette County Commissars that decide how much of the money is given to the road commission for the road.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Marvin attended the West End Library Community meeting on November 3, 2008. Has some pamphlets from them to hand out but left them at home. 40% of public would support a mileage for a new library. Negaunee and Ishpeming would both like to keep their own libraries. The further west you go from Ishpeming the less people using the library.

Barbara reported on the following meetings:
Marvin and Barbara attended the MTCA meeting at Michigamme Township. Evelyn Davis spoke about how everyone should be sworn in by the next two weeks. Jill stated that everyone would be sworn in tonight.
911 Meeting – They are improving on the towers so radio connection is a lot better. They are not having as many problems as last month but still have dead areas. May be moving out of the State Police Post.
Fire Board meeting will be having a get together the first part of December.

Marline went to the following:
Iron Ore Heritage Trail Meeting – Marline stated they are having a presentation coming up in this meeting.

Jill went to the following meetings:
Jill reported on meetings that she attended for elections.

M/S/C- approval of the bills (Marline/Tyrone).

CORRESPONDENCE:
1. **Communication Tower in Humboldt** – Jill stated there is work with cables by the mine.
2. **Environment news release** – Open house coming up and Rio Tinto haves to work by state regulations.
3. **UP Power** – Cost recover meeting in Lansing.
4. **CUPPAD** – Next meeting on file.
5. **CUPPAD** – letter of things they are doing for the townships. Marvin stated that grant applications is something Joey might be interested in.
6. **Wisconsin Electric** – Having a cost recover meeting November 19.
7. Marquette County Solid Waste – The asbestos charge is $1200.00 and it should have been $1600.00.
8. **Wind workshop**- at the Holiday Inn in November. On file.
9. **Bridgewalk** - $311.00 was turned in for the bridgewalk. $206 was spent on the bridgewalk with $105.00 in the bank for the next one in a year. Total of over 400.00 spent on the bridgewalk with $295 left for prizes. The run down is on file.
10. **CUPPAD** – Report on a federal grant. Maybe could use for the park.
11. **Save the Wild** – Newsletters on file.
12. **Thank you** note from Emily & Jason Carrier for the old piano, so the children can learn to play.
13. **Richardson Jeweler** would like to invite all to their open house with a 40% off coupon.
14. **Marquette Township Supervisors** – December 5, 2008

15. **Karl P. Numinen** – would like to be considered for the Planning Commission Board. No openings at this time but will have some at the next meeting.
16. **James Douglas** – would like to serve on the advisory board.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **EMS Board** – No report.
B. **Planning Commission** – Working on the Pavilion. Minutes of file.
C. **Communication Tower** - Covered already.
D. **Pavilion – M/S/C to go with the plans the planning commission decided (Barbara/Jill).** The Planning commission is looking at putting the new pavilion is waiting on estimates.
E. **Christmas Party** – Santa will be at the hall on Saturday December 13, 2008 from 1-3pm. We will also have a horse drawn sled for people to ride in. **M/S/C to have Marvin be Santa (Barbara/Tyrone).**
F. **Newsletter** – Articles need to be email to Globe Printing in the next couple of days. Barbara has picked up the labels.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Joey Derocha –** Joe would like to have Friendship Lunch every second Monday of every month at 11:30 am to 1 pm and would like board support. He would be paying for this himself and would like to invite anyone that would like to come. Having this he feels he can learn more about the people in the Township and what their needs are. He also presented letters from Koski Korners and François's Crosscut stating they were in support of this also. **M/S/C to support Joe's lunches at the hall and no charge for use of the building due to it being for the township (Jill/Barbara).**
B. **Gabriel Caplett – Teresa Bertoss gave a presentation on Rio Tinto/Kennecott.** Group that is very concern with the sulfide mining that will be going on in our township. Talk about the chemical and how in the pass they have made promises and have not kept their promise of full cleanup. This is something Canada is happy about because most of the ore and pollutes will be left at the Humboldt. The group gave us a book on what happen in Wisconsin when they mined there. Had several handouts for the public to look at. Theses are on file. Joe Derocha questioned that the DEQ must be keeping track of Kennecott. Teresa stated the township needed to keep track also due to DEQ looking over things in the past. Emily Whittaker commented on how Minnesota worker are coming in to work the mine, not our local people. And how their workers are not being respectful with their driving and even have seen them run a bus with the red lights on.
C. **EMS Board Appointment–M/S/C to have Barbara be appointed again to represent Humboldt on the EMS Board Appointment (Marline/Tyron).**
D. **Kennecott – Rio Tinto** is their new name.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jackie Koski made a comment about Matt Johnson is working for Kennecott because he is now the Governor's assistant, and he will not be in office for long, so he had to find other employment. Jackie resented Michelle Halley's insinuation that he was withholding information about the mine from the Governor's office.

Anna Mattson stated she is a member of a group called Citizen for Responsible Mining. They have a web site and have answers to questions we may have.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm

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December 8, 2008
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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.

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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 concern 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 no heard back from them. Joe asked Ann to find out what spots need 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 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 use 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 meeting 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