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Regular Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Grund
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Brandt, Robert Gessert
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
   Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,460,820.49 **Road Fund: $168,576.84**
   Sanitation Fund: $543,960.94 **Rail Fund: $474,327.03**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $490,537.13 **Trust & Agency Fund: $7,539.87**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the FD meeting. Sarah Etelamaki attended the WMCSWA meeting. Jeff Ogea attended the WETESA meeting.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Pete Koski gave an update of Fire Department news.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes- December 16, 2023
   b. WETESA Minutes- December 13, 2023
10. Public Comment: Bob Gessert had questions about the bills. Bob Brandt had questions about ambulance services and zoning.
11. Old Business:
    a. None

12. New Business:
    a. **Additional Dust Control Roads (FD & FFB):** Supervisor Ogea gave a brief explanation of why it was recommended by the Road Commission to consider adding these 2 roads to our annual dust control. The benefit would be to preserve the fines that we currently have.
    MOTION: To add County Roads FD & FFB to our dust control schedule.
    Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
    b. **Painting Quotes:** The Board reviewed and discussed the 5 quotes received for painting the assembly hall, kitchen, and bathrooms.
    MOTION: To accept Diane Holsworth's quote to paint the hall.
    Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
13. Public Comment: Bob Brandt shared his thoughts on solar farms and state funds.
14. Board Member Comments: Clerk Etelamaki stated that the Recreation Plan is not yet approved by the state.
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Special Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2024 – 6:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: None
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: None
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda as written.
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Correspondence: None
6. Public Comment: None
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business:
   a. **Election Committee**: Approval of Election Inspectors for February 27, 2024 Election. Debbie Brooks, Gail Warner, Betty Grund, Emily Massie, Carolyn Kovala
      MOTION: To approve the Election Inspectors for February 27, 2024.
      Jeff Ogea, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion carried.
9. Public Comment: None
10. Adjournment
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

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Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund
   MEMBERS ABSENT: Pete Koski
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Brandt, Bryant Lazenby
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
   Chris Grund, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,515,660.94 **Road Fund: $215,266.54**
   Sanitation Fund: $564,243.48 **Rail Fund: $475,920.04**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $507,469.01 **Trust & Agency Fund: $7,565.56**
   Jeff Ogea, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Jeff Ogea, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
   MOTION: To add Wex bank to monthly pre-approved payments to avoid finance fees.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Jeff Ogea attended the WETESA meeting. Betty Grund attended the MCTA meeting.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** No one to report.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes- January 22, 2024
   b. WETESA Minutes- On File
   c. Jenn Hill Letter
10. Public Comment: Bob Brandt elaborated on a solar farm article handout he provided.

11. Old Business:
    a. None
12. New Business:
    a. **Marquette County Planner-Sven Gonstead:** No show.
    b. **2024 Mileage Rate:** The IRS has raised the 2024 mileage rate.
       MOTION: To raise the township mileage rate to meet the IRS rate of 67 cents per mile.
       Jeff Ogea, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
    c. **Clancey Electric-Fire Department Lights:** An estimate was received from Clancey Electric to replace the lighting in the Fire Department garage. Discussion took place and it was decided to get a few more quotes to compare and put it on the work session agenda.
    d. **Forestry Plan:** The Board received the forestry plan from Jim Ferris. It was decided to turn it over to the PC for review and comment. We will also wait for the presentation from Mr. Ferris before taking any action so we can ask questions if necessary.
    e. **Tree Order:** Supervisor Ogea would like to order 12 more apple trees to plant between the hall and cemetery.
       MOTION: To approve the purchase of additional apple trees.
       Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
    f. **Set Budget Work Session Date:** It is time for the annual budget work session to go over the 2023/2025 budget before the budget hearing. The date of March 4th at 6:00pm was set.
13. Public Comment: None
14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Grund commented on how nice the assembly hall looks with the new paint job. Clerk Etelamaki reminded members there is election candidate paperwork available for the upcoming elections. She also stated the Recreation Plan was approved by the DNR.
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Special Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2024 – 6:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Etelamaki, Betty Grund, Jeff Ogea, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Brandt
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried
5. Correspondence: None
6. Public Comment: Jim Kippola discussed the need to budget for potential upcoming expenditures that the Board may not have thought about, as well as possible sources of revenue.
   Bob Brandt spoke about the increase in Township funds, questioned the purpose of the Rail fund, the future of local Fire Departments, and stated he'd like to see some tax relief.
7. New Business:
   a. **Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Work Session:** The board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2024-2025 budget by going over each line item and planning for future projects.
   b. **Fire Department Garage Lighting:** The Board reviewed and discussed the 4 submitted bids.
   MOTION: To accept Clancey Electric's bid to install lighting at the Fire Department garage.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Old Business: None
9. Public Comment: None
10. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

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Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Brandt, Amber Kantola, Lisa Mikkola, Chuck Kantola, Pam Johnson, Randy Girard
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, and March 4, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,557,548.79 **Road Fund: $243,619.13**
   Sanitation Fund: $575,883.24 **Rail Fund: $531,735.09**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $522,885.27 **Trust & Agency Fund: $7,5,89.68**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the Fire Department meeting and gave a summary. Jeff Ogea attended the WETESA meeting and the MCRC meeting. Sarah Etelamaki attended the PC meeting.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Pete reported on under Board Member Committee meetings.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT: None**
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes
   b. WETESA Minutes
   c. Helen Lake Letter

10. Public Comment: Randy Girard introduced himself and stated he is running for the 109th House of Representatives. Bob Brandt stated he would like to see the Assessor and the Fire Chief at more meetings. He also had questions on his tax assessment.
11. Old Business:
    a. **Forestry Plan:** The Board is waiting for the Forester to come back from vacation to give a presentation on his plan which will probably take place at the May meeting.
12. New Business:
    a. **Spring/Fall Clean-up Dates:** The Board set the Spring and Fall clean-up dates as follows: June 14th and 15th and September 27th and 28th.
    b. **IOHT Millage Consideration:** After a brief discussion the Board plans to put the question to the voters on the November ballot.
    c. **Dust Control Contract:** The Board received the 2024 Dust Control Contract and discussed.
    MOTION: To accept the 2024 dust control contract.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    d. **Baseball Fence Estimate:** The estimate received was much higher than anticipated. It was decided to have Supervisor Ogea call Marquette and Delta Fence to get quotes.
    e. **WETESA Resolution:** A resolution for Humboldt's contribution to the WETESA budget was introduced based on population.
    MOTION: To authorize the 2024 WETESA authority expenditure.
    Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; Roll Call Vote:
    Pete Koski-Aye Chris Grund-Aye Betty Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye
    Sarah Etelamaki-Aye 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.
    f. **Budget Amendments/Salary Resolutions:** A final budget amendment for FY 2023-2024 was provided for all funds as of March 11, 2024. The Board is proud to say that overall, the Use of Funds only had to cover $2,200 in the General Fund. Individual Resolutions were also presented for Board Salaries as discussed at the budget work session.
    MOTION: To approve the budget amendments for all funds as presented.
    Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.
    MOTION: To approve the Supervisor salary at $780.00 per month.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; Roll Call Vote:
    Chris Grund-Aye Betty Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye
    Pete Koski-Nay 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    MOTION: To approve the Clerk salary at $1,248.00 per month.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; Roll Call Vote:
    Chris Grund-Aye Betty Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye
    Pete Koski-Nay 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    MOTION: To approve the Treasurer salary at $884.00 per month.
    Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; Roll Call Vote:
    Chris Grund-Aye Betty Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye
    Pete Koski-Nay 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    MOTION: To approve the Trustee salary at $260.00 per month.
    Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; Roll Call Vote:
    Chris Grund-Aye Betty Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye
    Pete Koski-Nay 4 Ayes,1 Nay, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    g. **Budget Hearing:** Supervisor Ogea opened the budget hearing at 7:46pm. He summarized the budget and stated there was no written public comment. He opened the hearing to public comment.

Bob Brandt questioned why the Township pays Republic for garbage. Supervisor Ogea closed the hearing to public comment at 7:53pm. The Board had no deliberations.

MOTION: To adjourn the budget hearing at 7:54pm.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
MOTION: To adopt the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported;
Roll Call Vote: Chris Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Betty Grund-Aye
Sarah Etelamaki-Aye Pete Koski-Aye 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

13. Public Comment: Amber Kantola of the Helen Lake Association requested to be notified regarding Helen Lake issues. Randy Girard mentioned other meetings he has coming up.
14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Koski mentioned some grant possibilities through the West End Health Foundation that could help with the disc golf course. Clerk Etelamaki let the Helen Lake Association members know that letters are coming for the garbage shed lock codes.
15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, April 08, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Brandt, Tom Prophet, Robert Gessert, Tricia Pepin
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,868,675.28 **Road Fund: $421,822.47**
   Sanitation Fund: $660,706.87 **Rail Fund: $533,338.73**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $634,618.46 **Trust & Agency Fund: $7,615.55**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Sarah Etelamaki attended a Clerk's meeting.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** Printed report was provided.
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes
   b. WETESA Minutes-On File
   c. MCSWMA Tipping Fee Analysis & Comparison
   d. MCTA Spring Banquet
   e. Superior Trade Zone Letter of Membership
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:

a. **Forestry Plan:** Jim Ferris of Caretaker Forestry gave a presentation on his Forestry Plan for Humboldt Township. He answered Board questions and gave recommendations. He also offered more of his services if needed.
MOTION: To accept Jim Ferris's forestry plan and move forward with his suggestions.
Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

b. **Baseball Fence Estimates:** No new information, still waiting on response from Marquette and Delta Fence Companies.

12. New Business:
    a. **Township Hall Water Treatment System:** The manifold failed due to hard acidic water. Supervisor Ogea suggested putting in a salt-free filter system like the one at the Fire Hall. The Board advised him to get some quotes.
    b. **2024 HMA Paving Bids:** The Board received the 2024 road paving project quotes for County Roads FI, FY, and FN-N. There were 2 bidders, Bacco and Payne & Dolan. There was over a $200,000 difference in the bids.
    MOTION: To accept the bid from Bacco for the 2024 paving projects.
    Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    c. **UPSET Contract:** The Board received the 2024 letter of support and contract for UPSET.
    MOTION: To continue to support UPSET for $500.00 for 2024 .
    Jeff Ogea, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
13. Public Comment: Tom Prophet asked if the Board should consider planting Red Pines in the areas that will be forested as they can be harvested again in about 25 years.
14. Board Member Comments: None
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola, Steve Bartanen
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Tom Prophet, Robert Gessert, Amber Kantola, Chuck Kantola, Jason McCarthy
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,855,320.05 **Road Fund: $427,141.55**
   Sanitation Fund: $659,901.56 **Rail Fund: $534,931.80**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $647,999.73 **Trust & Agency Fund: $7,765.69**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the Fire Department meeting.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Steve Bartanen gave a report on the Fishing Derby planning and asked about a new PA system.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes
   b. WETESA Minutes-On File
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:

a. **Forestry Plan:** A copy of the proposed RFP was discussed. There are a few changes to make and details regarding deeds that Jim Kippola and Sarah Etelamaki will research at the county.
b. **Baseball Fence Estimates:** We had a response from JCS Fence and are waiting for numbers. Still waiting on response from Marquette and Delta Fence Companies. Also checking with the ball team on a work bee.

12. New Business:
    a. **Township Hall Water Treatment System:** The Board reviewed and discussed the presented quotes from several companies. One was quite a bit less expensive with a good maintenance plan.
    MOTION: To accept Norway Springs bid for filtration system at the Town Hall.
    Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; Motion Carried.
    b. **Disc Golf Course Ground Clearing:** Jeff Ogea called to get quotes from a recommended company and we are waiting for numbers. He will also try to call another company. Will discuss next month.
    c. **Transportation Plan Proposal:** The Board received a proposal from Jason McCarthy for an updated Transportation Plan. The last plan was done in 2017.
    MOTION: To accept Northwoods Planning and Zoning Services Transportation Plan proposal.
    Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    d. **North Country Surveying Project 2 Phase 1 Proposal:** The Board received and reviewed the proposal for the second project for Township land surveying from Thad Goodwin.
    MOTION: To approve the North Country Surveying proposal for Project 2 Phase 1 survey work.
    Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    e. **2024 Road Project Funding:** The projected 2024 Road projects are estimated to cost more than what is in the current Road fund. The Board discussed how to cover the difference.
    MOTION: To borrow the difference of $12,273.16 for the 2024 Road Projects from the General Fund.
    Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

13. Public Comment: None
14. Board Member Comments: Pete Koski commented that the ball field is looking good.
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Special Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2024 – 10:00 AM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Etelamaki, Betty Grund, Jeff Ogea
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Brett French, Gradon Haehnel, Jason Brynick, Matt Eliason
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried
5. Correspondence: None
6. Public Comment: None
7. New Business:
   a. **Meet & Greet with UPPCO Representatives:** The purpose of the meeting was to be introduced to the CEO of UPPCO, Gradon Haehnel and Project Manager, Jason Brynick. General information was exchanged regarding a possible forthcoming Zoning application related to a proposed solar farm that would be at least partially located in Humboldt Township. To date, there is no application filed so no action by the Board is necessary. As the potential project progresses, there will be more information, including public outreach.
8. Old Business: None
9. Public Comment: Betty Grund had a question regarding the public info. Brett French stated there will be several informational sessions coming soon.
10. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 11:16 am.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.

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Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk | Jeffrey Ogea, Supervisor | Chris Grund, Treasurer
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Regular Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Jim Dagenais, Thomas St. Aubin, Bob Brandt, Bob Hendrickson, Kerry Tornberg
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,842,942.40 **Road Fund: $436,452.04**
   Sanitation Fund: $661,014.63 **Rail Fund: $536,726.57**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $651,897.55 **Trust & Agency Fund: $8,022.58**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the Fire Department meeting and gave a report on current happenings. Jeff Ogea attended the MCRC meeting and gave a report on upcoming paving and dust control.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Pete Koski reported above.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes
   b. WETESA Minutes-None
   c. MCSWMA Email Re: Tipping fee increase

10. Public Comment: Jim Dagenais requested more dust control. Tom St. Aubin also commented on the desire for more dust control by Sunson Lake area. Jeff Ogea stated he would talk to the MCRC about the dust control.
11. Old Business:
    a. **Forestry Plan:** An email from Jim Ferris was received asking about the progress of the RFP. Jim Kippola and Sarah Etelamaki are still planning to go to the County to look up records of ownership.
    b. **Baseball Fence Estimates:** Still waiting for information from JCS Fence regarding the backstop installation. Sarah Etelamaki will follow up on this. A special meeting may need to be held due to timeframes of company availability to get the job done this summer.
12. New Business:
    a. **Disc Golf Course Ground Clearing Estimate:** There is still only one quote as Jeff Ogea could not connect with the other 2 companies. He will try again and we will discuss either at next regular meeting, or possibly a special meeting.
    b. **IOHT Ballot Language Resolution:** Bob Hendrickson talked about the special meeting held by the IOHT association to pass their resolution for HT to put the millage question on the November ballot. There is approximately 10-12 miles in HT. He will be holding a public forum in HT for information.
    MOTION: To approve the resolution to participate in the IOHTA and put the millage question on the November ballot.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    MOTION: To approve the ballot language for the November millage proposal.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    c. **ZMA-2024-01-Acker-Richards:** The Board reviewed the map amendment request along with the PC minutes and the response from the Marquette County Planning Commission. The County's response was not to support the amendment which was contradictory to the Township's Planning Commission recommendation. Jim Kippola disagrees with the County's decision.
    MOTION: To approve the rezoning of ZMA-2024-01 from Residential to Town Development.
    Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported
    Roll Call Vote: Pete Koski-Aye Betty Grund-Aye Chris Grund-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    d. **Power Reconnect at Ballfield:** The field work is continuing. The power needs to be restored at the location for water availability. The township acquired a free power pole and Clancey electric is able to put in a set-up similar to the one at the pond. A shed has already been installed as well.
    MOTION: To approve up to $2000 to reconnect power at the ball field.
    Jeff Ogea, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
13. Public Comment: Tom St. Aubin questioned what's going on with the solar project. Jim Kippola addressed CUP uses.
14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Grund is glad to see projects moving along.
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, July 8, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Amber Kantola, Chuck Kantola, Bob Gessert
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes & June 5, 2024 Special.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,846,492.30 **Road Fund: $438,479.69**
   Sanitation Fund: $651,491.47 **Rail Fund: $538,468.25**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $652,341.31 **Trust & Agency Fund: $8,583.91**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Sarah Etelamaki attended 2 clerk meetings and the WMCSWA meeting.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None, Trustee Koski requested a report from the assessor for next meeting.
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes
   b. WETESA Minutes-On File
   c. MCSWMA Email- Schedule of Fees
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:

a. **Forestry Plan:** Clarification on ownership of the rail ROW is needed. Jim Kippola and Sarah Etelamaki went to Register of Deeds and got copies of needed descriptions. Kippola advised to get the deeds to Jim Ferris and tell him to put out the RFP.
MOTION: To get information to Caretaker Forestry and have him put together a revised dated RFP and put it out there.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved, Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

b. **Baseball Fence Estimates:** Of the two quotes received, the one from Delta Fence was less than Century Fence.
MOTION: To accept Delta Fence's quote to do the baseball fence.
Pete Koski, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

c. **Disc Golf Course Ground Clearing:** Two estimates were received for ground clearing. Only one had stump grinding included.
MOTION: To accept the estimate from Berg Industries for the disc gold course ground clearing.
Pete Koski, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

12. New Business:
    a. **Lake Superior Performance Rally:** The Township was contacted by Lake Superior Performance Rally and asked about the possibility of using County Road FF to put on their race. There was much discussion about the event and the company. The Board would like a follow up on clarification for road fixing issues that may arise.
    MOTION: To whole heartly support LSPR to use County Road FF on October 12th to run the race.
    Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    b. **Fire Department Air Compressor Purchase Request:** The Fire Department received a quote from Pomasal for a used air compressor that would fill their air tanks for several years and eliminate a recurring expense.
    MOTION: To approve the purchase of the air compressor from Pomasal for the Fire Department which includes installation for $6,995.00.
    Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    c. **2025 HMA Paving Program:** The MCRC has put out their annual requests for next year's road paving projects. Jeff Ogea stated that he was told County Road 601 was on the MCRC's schedule for next year. With the cost to the Township, that would leave no money to do any more roads in 2025.
    d. **Zoning Violations:** The Township attorney has been contacted to get involved with enforcement efforts, especially with the short-term rentals since other efforts aren't working.
13. Public Comment: Bob Gessert questioned the amounts of fence and ground clearing quotes. Amber Kantola had a couple of comments on the short term rental. Jim Kippola made observations about the appellate process. Bob Gessert questioned the differences on driveway lengths and restrictions. Tom Prophet stated past violations have been costly.
14. Board Member Comments:
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Special Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Etelamaki, Betty Grund, Jeff Ogea, Chris Grund
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: None
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: None
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried
5. Correspondence: None
6. Public Comment: None
7. New Business:
   a. **Baseball Field & Fence:** The Board received a quote from JCS Fence that didn't make it into the meeting packet Monday as it was via email and not checked before meeting. It was less expensive and had a quicker time frame than the previous quotes. Discussion regarding the fence and dirt work took place.
      MOTION: To rescind the motion made on Monday to approve Delta Fence due to time constraints with their schedule and to go with JCS Fence to do the baseball fence and backstop.
      Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent: Motion Carried.
      MOTION: To check on prices for topsoil, infield dirt, straw, and seed and to purchase the least expensive option.
      Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Old Business: None
9. Public Comment: None
10. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

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Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Amber Kantola, Chuck Kantola, Bob Brandt, Jeffrey Roo, Marline Worth
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes & July 11, 2024 Special.
   Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,823,099.28 **Road Fund: $439,696.69**
   Sanitation Fund: $653,703.43 **Rail Fund: $540,275.07**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $648,422.96 **Trust & Agency Fund: $8,614.51**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the FD meeting and gave a brief report.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** See above.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** A written report was provided to the Board.
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes
   b. WETESA Minutes-On File
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:

a. **Forestry Plan:** Jim Ferris spoke with Kyle Mackey about access on his property to the rail ROW property. He agrees to give access. Matt Eliason was going to check with Dollar General about access on their property. Jim Ferris is going to re-write the Forestry RFP.

12. New Business:
    a. **MTA-Fall Regional Meetings:** A flier was presented with upcoming training available.
    b. **Schedule of Fees Amendment:** The current schedule of fees was reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that due to rising advertising costs and mandated published notices that some fees needed to be raised so the township doesn't lose money.
    MOTION: To amend the schedule of fees to add an appeal fee of $700 and to raise the Zoning Ordinance amendment/re-zoning fee to $700.00.
    Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; Roll call vote:
    Pete Koski-Aye Chris Grund-Aye Jeff Ogea-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye Betty Grund-Aye
    5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    c. **Sanitation Millage:** The Sanitation fund is getting pretty high so discussion was held about whether to lower the amount levied on winter taxes. The current rate is 1.5 mills.
    MOTION: To lower the sanitation millage to 0.25 for one year.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motin Carried.
    d. **Elevator Issues/Repairs:** The elevator is in need of expensive repair. Bach Mobilities provided an estimate. It was also mentioned to check into whether or not the Township could possibly remove the elevator. Before purchasing the repair parts, the Board would like to look into possible removal.
    e. **EMHSD Letter Re: Award Monies:** The Board received an award letter from the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division for the disaster assistance application for the failure of a culvert on Co Rd FA after the spring runoff in 2023. HT was awarded $76,647. The MCRC held a meeting to discuss repairs and how to spread the money. They will be using part of the money they were awarded to help with HT's extensive repair. Designs will be worked on over the winter months.
    f. **Election Equipment Purchase Request:** Clerk Etelamaki is requesting the purchase of a storage cart to hold election equipment in one secure place.
    MOTION: To approve the purchase of storage cart for election equipment up to $2000.00.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

13. Public Comment: Bob Brandt commended Clerk Etelamaki for trying to reduce the tax load on taxpayers. He also made comments on road conditions and bonding. Jim Kippola responded to Bob's comments.
14. Board Member Comments: Supervisor Ogea informed the Board of a previous PC members son being injured. Trustee B. Grund commented on major highway conditions and added that the flower areas at the township look good.
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, September 09, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Amber Kantola, Chuck Kantola, Bob Brandt, Tom Prophet
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,819,034.46 **Road Fund: $441,822.87**
   Sanitation Fund: $652,839.24 **Rail Fund: $541,976.70**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $643,349.56 **Trust & Agency Fund: $9,643.34**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the FD meeting and gave a brief report.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** See above.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes-None
   b. WETESA August Minutes
   c. MCSWMA Email
10. Public Comment: Bob Brandt had a question about zoning fines.
11. Old Business:

a. **Forestry Plan:** Jim Ferris emailed a written proposal for the harvesting of timber from Holli. The Board discussed the project details and the pros and cons.
MOTION: To move forward with the timber harvest plan.
Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

b. **Elevator Issues/Repairs:** Researching the details of possibly removing the elevator lift with the building codes personnel, it was made clear the Township cannot remove it at this time. The only option is to pay for the costly repair.
MOTION: To fix the elevator.
Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

c. **Election Equipment Purchase Request:** Due to shipping and handling charges, the purchase of the previously approved cart went over the $2000 allowance. Clerk Etelamaki is asking for approval for the additional amount.
MOTION: To approve the purchase of election storage cart.
Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

12. New Business:
    a. **LSPR Road Closure:** Clerk Etelamaki got notice that the LSPR could not get other roads south of the township approved in time so the race route will no longer be using Co Rd FFG. They hope to revisit the planning for using our roads next year.
    b. **Cemetery Stump Grinding Estimate:** There are 2 stumps in the cemetery that need to be removed and are too large for our equipment to do it. Supervisor Ogea contacted Tim Rivera for an estimate.
    MOTION: To approve the estimate for stump grinding from U.P. Custom Steel & Graphics.
    Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    c. **Zoning Violations & Enforcement:** There are still short-term rental violations out in the township. The Zoning Administrator has sent letters but 3 are still operating. The administrator is seeking input from the board for next steps. The Board agreed to contact the attorney for enforcement.
    d. **FF Application:** The Fire Department received and voted on a new applicant. There was some missing information for his complete application.
    MOTION: To approve the applicant contingent on a background check and paperwork.
    Pete Koski, Moved, Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    e. **Metro Act Right of way Permit Extension:** AT&T is due for an extension on their right of way and submitted the form for approval.
    MOTION: To approve the extension of AT&T Metro Act Right of Way.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
13. Public Comment: Jim Kippola stated that he received 2 seedlings from MSU from a Catulpa tree which Bryant planted on the side of the hall to see if they will survive as it is not the optimal time for planting.
14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Koski gave an update on the disc golf project and issues with the timing of the ground clearing. He will look into the issues for solutions.
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Brandt, Bob Gessert, Bob Hendrickson
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda with addition 12 f.
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the September 09, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,827,725.53 **Road Fund: $457,092.74**
   Sanitation Fund: $646,426.86 **Rail Fund: $543,624.05**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $646,304.34 **Trust & Agency Fund: $9,673.18**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski attended the FD meeting and gave a brief report. Betty Grund attended the MCTA meeting a gave a report.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** See above.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** A written report was provided.
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes-None
10. Public Comment: Bob Brandt commented on the Zoning Ordinance and definitions and states he feels there is an injustice with permitting. Jim Kippola stated the Township and County regulations are individual. He advised to check with the PC for clarification. Bob Brandt questioned the semi-annual garbage bill from Republic.
11. Old Business:

a. **Zoning Violations & Enforcement-Attorney Response :** The Board reviewed the letter from the Township attorney with the options available.
MOTION: To move forward with the Civil Court option.
Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 1 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

12. New Business:
    a. **Bob Hendrickson with IOHT:** Mr. Hendrickson talked briefly about the upcoming election and the millage question.
    b. **Fire Hall Vent Repair:** The vents in the Fire Hall are in need of replacement. Only one estimate was received.
    MOTION: To accept the estimate from J-Goods to fix the vents.
    Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    c. **Senior Meal Fund Request:** The funds for the Senior Meal are getting low. Sarah Etelamaki requested $500 to fund the Senior Meals.
    MOTION: To appropriate $500 to the Senior Meal Fund.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    d. **Ishpeming Township FD Request:** The Ishpeming Township Fire Department is requesting funding support for their annual Fire Prevention Week programs at the local schools.
    MOTION: To support the Ishpeming Township Fire Department with $300 to continue the fire prevention program to the schools.
    Pete Koski, Moved, Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    e. **Baseball Field Update:** Work continues to take place on the field. Thirty pallets of sod were laid by members of the baseball team and their families. The backstop is set to be installed next week. The expenses were discussed and which fund(s) should be used to pay for the projects.
    MOTION: To use Rail Fund money to pay for ballfield expenses.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
    f. **RFP Response from North Country Engineering:** Kurt Simandl responded to the RFQ for the Humboldt Township Complex Site Plan. He gave an estimate correlating to the tasks listed.
    MOTION: To move forward with North Country Engineering's RFQ.
    Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
13. Public Comment: None
14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Grund stated how nice the cemetery looks.
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Special Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2024 – 6:45 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: None
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: None
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda as written.
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Correspondence: None
6. Public Comment: None
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business:
   a. **Election Committee**: Approval of Election Inspectors for November 5, 2024 Election. Carolyn Kovala, Marline Worth, Tracy Quayle, Irene Dishnow
      MOTION: To approve the Election Inspectors for November 5, 2024.
      Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion carried.
9. Public Comment: None
10. Adjournment
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

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Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk

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Regular Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: None
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Amber Kantola, Chuck Kantola, Tom Prophet
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda with addition.
   Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the October 14, 2024 Regular & Special Meeting Minutes.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,817,207.57 **Road Fund: $458,418.59**
   Sanitation Fund: $643,732.62 **Rail Fund: $538,507.35**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $647,872.35 **Trust & Agency Fund: $9,702.11**
   Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Betty Grund attended the MCTA meeting and gave a report.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** None
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes-October 28, 2024
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:
    a. **Zoning Violations & Enforcement-Attorney Response :** An update was provided that letters will be sent out by the attorney before proceeding with the civil case.
12. New Business:

a. **Cemetery Plot Purchase Request Letter:** A letter was received from Lynn Nardi requesting the purchase of 2 cemetery plots. All of her other family is buried in the Humboldt cemetery.
MOTION: To approve the purchase of 2 cemetery plots for Lynn and John Nardi.
Pete Koski, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

b. **ZMA-2024-02-Martin:** The board was given a recommendation by the Planning Commission and supported by the Marquette Planning Commission to rezone a parcel from Timber Production 40 to resource Production 20.
MOTION: To accept the recommendation from the PC for the approval of ZMA-2024-02, a rezoning from TP 40 to RP 20.
Pete Koski, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

c. **Christmas Party Fund Request:** The Christmas party is scheduled for December 7th and Jeannie Carlisle is once again going to host and purchase supplies. Sarah Etelamaki requested a boost to $400 for the Christmas party supplies due to rising costs.
MOTION: To approve $400 instead of $300 for the Christmas Party Funds.
Betty Grund, Moved; Jeff Ogea, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

d. **Highline- Metro Act:** A new company is bringing in high speed internet to Humboldt Township. It will give residents another option for internet service. There was a brief discussion about the company and Clerk Etelamaki will sign the Metro Act paperwork.

e. **2024 Road Construction Bill Discrepancy:** Supervisor Ogea received communication from the MCRC about our 2024 road projects and contract. The final bill came in over the 5% contract clause. The Board discussed what to do with the bill and decided to have Jeff discuss the difference with the MCRC.

13. Public Comment: None
14. Board Member Comments: Clerk Etelamaki requested Newsletter information. She also stated the election storage cart purchase ended up being paid for by a grant.
15. Adjournment:
MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm.
Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent; Motion Carried.

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Regular Meeting
Monday, December 09, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
   MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Chris Grund, Pete Koski
   MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Etelamaki
   STAFF PRESENT: Jim Kippola
   STAFF ABSENT: None
   PUBLIC PRESENT: Tom Prophet, Bob Hendrickson
4. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: To approve the agenda.
   Pete Koski, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes
   MOTION: To approve the November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
   MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:
   General Fund: $2,805,546.21 **Road Fund: $459,635.06**
   Sanitation Fund: $640,962.77 **Rail Fund: $525,904.21**
   Fire/EMS Fund: $647,084.12 **Trust & Agency Fund: $9,730.04**
   Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Bills:
   MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.
   Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
8. Reports
   a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Pete Koski gave a Fire Department report.
   b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
   c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Covered by Trustee Koski above.
   d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** A written report was provided.
9. Correspondence
   a. PC Minutes- November 25, 2024
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:
    a. **Zoning Violations & Enforcement-Property Owner Response :** An email was sent to the attorney from the Noordyk family stating their disappointment with the denial of the operation of a short term rental and a response was requested. The Board discussed a few points to give to the attorney.

b. **2024 Road Construction Bill Discrepancy:** After speaking with the MCRC, the difference in the contract amount and the final bill is in compliance as written in the contract. It states that when the billed amount exceeds the 5%, the MCRC will cover the difference. The final amount is still over the current Road fund balance so we will need to borrow from either the General or Rail fund to cover the difference.
MOTION: To borrow money from the Rail fund to pay the 2024 road construction bill.
Pete Koski, Moved; Christ Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

12. New Business:
    a. **Bob Hendrickson-IOHT:** Mr. Henrickson thanked the Board for their support. He went over information regarding the IOHT Board. He states that we should appoint a representative to the IOHT board before the March meeting.
    b. **2025 TB Meeting Schedule:** The 2025 meeting schedule was presented and discussed.
    MOTION: To approve the 2025 meeting schedule.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
    c. **Disc Golf Course Update & Ground Clearing (Pete/Jeff):** The course layout was emailed to Trustee Koski. It was discussed to scale back from an 18 hole course to a 9 hole course since the Township will have to put the course in ourselves. Jim Kippola stated that the drawings should be given to our engineer to put in the site plan and then we could also apply for grants.
    d. **HT FD Driving Issues/Restrictions:** An anonymous call was received that someone had seen a HT truck at a marijuana retail store. There have also been a few other incidents where it appears fire trucks were being used to run personal errands. Trustee Grund stated that these are liabilities. It was stated that the drivers had been talked to by the fire chief. Supervisor Ogea stated he is satisfied with the outcome.
    e. **Little Library Request at Helen/Casey Lake Sheds:** A request came in to put up a little sharing library out at the Helen/Casey Lake garbage sheds for use.
    MOTION: To grant approval for Bonnie Johnson to put up a lending library at the Helen/Casey Lake sheds.
    Betty Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
    f. **Survey Work Update (Jim):** Jim Kippola gave an update on the current status of survey work still to be done at the park. The weather has stalled the process. He is also planning a meeting with the engineer to discuss the Rec building site plans.
13. Public Comment: Tom Prophet asked about insurance policies for the IOHT and if HT is covered. Bob Hendrickson stated yes, and that individual policies aren't necessary since there are several trail liability policies that cover trails. Jim Kippola reminded everyone that it's time for street light outage reporting.
14. Board Member Comments: Treasurer Grund questioned if the debris piles at the baseball field could be used as training exercises for the FD this winter. A quick discussion took place about the timing and how to move the piles.
15. Adjournment:
    MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.
    Chris Grund, Moved; Pete Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

_____Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk