

**Homestead Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Homestead Township Hall
11508 Honor Highway
Honor, MI 49640
January 7, 2008 at 7:00P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chair Cathy Demitroff.

Present: Cathy Demitroff, Shelley Rosa, and Matt Miller. Absent Mary Geetings and Zeldia Gray

Also present: Frank Walterhouse, Roger Hubbell, Mary Pitcher, Cliff Graves, Kathy Ralston and Anne Damm

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Rosa, to amend the agenda to add the Election Worker Approval and the Transfer of Funds. Support Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Rosa to accept the December 3rd minutes as presented. Support Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Miller, support Demitroff to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Need to transfer fund in the Fire Mileage Budget. Motion by Rosa, support Miller to transfer \$1,000.00 dollars from the Education Account into the Fuel Account. Roll Call. Rosa, Demitroff and Miller - Yes. Geetings and Gray - Absent. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund - Motion by Miller to pay the General Fund Bills. Support Rosa. Roll Call. Rosa, Demitroff and Miller - Yes. Geetings and Gray - Absent. Motion Carried

Fire Millage - Motion by Miller, support Rosa to pay the Fire Department Bills. Roll Call. Rosa, Demitroff and Miller - Yes. Geetings and Gray - Absent. Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Blake Brook's - Letter of Resignation
DNR - Oil and Gas Lease Auction November 2, 2008
Benzie Co Sheriff's Snowmobile Safety Program

Motion by Rosa, support Miller to accept Blake Brooks resignation with regrets. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Cindra Moore would like the board to research a "Natural Cemetery".

ZONING:

Cliff Graves and Mary Pitcher handed letters to board members from the Planning and Zoning Ad Hoc Analysis Committee. Their request is to have the Inland /Homestead Boards to sit down with the Planning & Zoning Ad Hoc Analysis Committee to discuss the chance of us staying under County Zoning.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recreation Park Update: A schedule of the Park and Rec meetings for 2008 was distributed.

Park Bathrooms: A quote for construction of bathrooms was distributed to the board. This quote was needed to accompany the grant application to the Oleson's Foundation.

Skate Park: A sketch drawing for a Skate Park was distributed for review. The hope is to receive a grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation, to make a skate park.

Fire Department: 79 runs per year for the Fire Dept.

Kevin Burrows is resigning from the Fire Dept. Motion by Rosa, support Miller to accept Kevin's resignation with regrets.

The County Commissions raised the gas mileage rate to .48 per mile.

The County has a website www.benzieco.net.

A schedule of the County Board of Commissions Regular Meetings was distributed.

All-Terrain Vehicle Ordinance: An informational meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2008 at Platte River School's Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Planning: No Report

Web Page: Motion by Rosa, support Miller to accept Gear It Up Communication, Inc's., price of \$970.00 to set up a web site for Homestead Twp. The Supervisor will be the contact person. Roll Call. Rosa, Demitroff and Miller - Yes. Geetings and Gray - Absent. Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Planning Appointment: Motion by Demitroff, support Miller to appoint Dan Moore to the Joint Planning Commission to replace Blake Brook's term of office. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Election Workers: Motion by Rosa, support Miller to appoint Cathy Brown to the Election Chair for the January 15 Primary Election, and Bonnie Baker, Connie McMorris, Nadine Scowden, and Mary Geetings as Election Inspectors. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Newsletter: Cathy is working on the newsletter if anyone has any information to offer, please get to her by the end of Feb.

Oleson Foundation Grant: Motion by Rosa, support Miller to approve the Oleson's Foundation Grant Application and Cover Letter for new bathrooms at the Homestead Park. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC IN-PUT:

Rodger Hubbell - The Joint Planning meetings are scheduled for January 16 at Inland Twp 7:00 p.m., and January 22 at Homestead Twp., 7:00 p.m.

Any other Business to come before the Board:

Board of Review: Motion Demitroff, support Miller to appoint Nadine Scowden to the Board of Review. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

There are Board of Review classes offered in Cadillac. Motion by Rosa, support Miller to allow our members of the Board of Review to attend the classes in February. Approve at the January meeting for pre registration discount.

Cathy to do follow up. Roll Call. Rosa, Demitroff and Miller - Yes. Geetings and Gray - Absent. Motion Carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Miller, support Demitroff to Adjourn. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Geetings, Clerk

Cathy Demitroff, Supervisor