

**Homestead Township Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
Homestead Township Hall
11508 Honor Highway
Honor, MI 49640
November 3, 2008 at 7:00P.M.**

Park and Rec Account: The Park and Rec Account is overdrawn on the Wage Account, because of the Park Committee Wages. Motion by Gray, support Miller to move \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) from the Contracted Services Account into the Wage Account. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC IN-PUT:

Scott Anderson - A Life Scout, is seeking a project to move up the ranks to a Eagle Scout. He would like to powerwash the storage unit, at Champion Hill Cemetery, install a light on the building, put edging on the curves, clean the headstones, and fertilize the lawn. He will raise the money through donations and fund raisers to complete these projects, at no cost to the township. Motion by Gray, support Rosa, to allow Scott Anderson to pursue his Life Scout Honor. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Edna Beecraft - Indian Hill Road, - The letters, and the tone of the letters to the editor have been terrible. I have taken the information from them, like from Ballard's and have done some research and have asked questions. What is the Benzie Youth, and why is that not a function of our park? Why is the money from that organization not run through the township? Any money that is involved with our park should be run through the township.

Don Crossman - Honor, - The Benzie Youth is a county wide youth program. There are different representative throughout the county that represent these youth. With the money they collect, they purchase balls, t-shirts, and whatever, is needed for the youth to play.

NEW BUSINESS: -

Covey Road - The next step in researching the possibility of paving Covey Road, would be for the County Road Commission to write up a "Cost Estimate", this would be done at no charge. Motion by Gray, support Rosa to request from the Road Commission a Cost Estimate for both paving and tar and chipping.

Snow Plow Bids - The bids were opened in no random order.

Dave Acha - Bid for \$50.00 per trip. Will provide insurance.

Interlochen Trucking and Excavating - Bid for \$60.00 per plow and shoveling.

L & M Builders - \$57.00 per trip, plowing and shoveling.

Honor Building Maintenance and Services - \$45.00 per trip with insurance.

Motion by Miller, support Gray to grant the snowplowing bid to Honor Building Maintenance and Services. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Receipt of the Audit - Motion by Rosa to accept the Audit as presented, including the amended letter. Support Gray. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

We have concerned citizens that are requesting an investigation of the Clerk working the elections and being paid. Discussion followed. The Supervisor and the Treasurer will hold a conference call with the township auditors, Tobin and Company of Traverse City.

Insurance : - Motion by Rosa, support Gray to increase the deductible on the Inland Marine, and the Property deductible to \$1,000, and to drop the Constable from the Bond Renewal. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Training Search and Rescue : - The Search and Rescue team would like to use the hall free of charge for their meeting held on November 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Motion by Rosa, support Gray to allow the Search and Rescue to use the hall on Nov 11, free of charge.

Exercise Class: - Tina Drake would like to know what the township would charge to use the hall for an exercise class. Tina will be contacted and asked to attend next month meeting, so the board can ask questions.

Park Name: - Citizens are inquiring about changing the Twp Park's name to include "Walterhouse", in the name. This will be tabled until the Dec meeting.

AT & T Contract : - Motion by Rosa, support Gray to renew the AT & T Contract. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Land Division Ordinance : - Motion by Rosa to adopt the Land Division Ordinance by Resolution. Support Gray. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Office Security: - The school did not see a need to take part in the surveillance system. A surveillance system does not give us a break on our insurance, but it does increase the value of the building. The board does not feel the need to have 8 or 4 cameras in the building. It is suggested to go back to Fortress and have them and re-evaluate our needs.

Homestead Park and Rec : - No report. Frank not Present.

Fire Dept: - No report. Frank not Present.

Joint Planning: - Our Zoning is back in house. It has been recommended by the Joint Planning to have Roger Williams take over the Soil and Erosion permits, although he is not certified. Motion by Gray, support Rosa to ask Roger William if he is willing to become certified and handle the Soil and Erosion permits. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC IN-PUT

Gloria Walterhouse - The question that was raised about the Clerk getting paid, I think the statement from the Auditor can be interpreted in 2 ways. Can the clerk work the elections, and can she get paid for working the elections. And my second question is, that the money that shouldn't have been taken, was it ever repaid? Clarification from the auditors will be sought by the Supervisor and the Treasurer.

Rick Zych: - Suggestion to the board, from where I am employed, please do not use a panic button. They are a night mare.

Any Other Business to come before the Board?

Adjourn: Motion by Miller, support Gray to Adjourn. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Geetings, Clerk Cathy Demitroff, Supervisor