

**Homestead Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Homestead Township Hall**  
**11508 Honor Highway**  
**Honor, MI 49640**  
**November 1 , 2010**

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

Present by Roll Call: Cathy Demitroff, Shelley Rosa, Mary Geetings, Matt Miller, and Carol Moore

Also present: Bob Rosa, Frank Walterhouse, Dan Moore, and Lee Anton.

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Geetings to approve the agenda as presented. Support Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 4TH MINUTES: Motion by Moore to accept the October 4th minutes with addition: to include the transfer amount of \$1,241.00 from the Capital Outlay Acct into the Fuel Acct., within the Fire Account. Support Miller with addition. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: - Treasurer's - Motion by Moore to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Support Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk's: Motion by Miller to accept the Clerk's Reports as presented. Support Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rosa, support Moore to amend the 2010-2011 Fire Dept Budget. See Attached.

Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report - Roger Williams explained his annual report to all present.

Motion by Geetings to accept the Zoning Administrator's reports as presented. Support Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

JPC-NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - Motion by Rosa to approve the recommendation from the JPC for Act 110. Support Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Park, JPC and Supervisor's Reports - Motion by Rosa to accept the Park, JPC and the Supervisor's reports as presented. Support Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: General - Motion by Rosa to pay the General Fund Bills. Support Miller. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fire Mileage - Motion by Rosa to pay the Fire Department Bills. Support Moore. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Park and Rec - Motion by Rosa to pay the Park and Rec Bills. Support Moore. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Geetings to accept Ferguson's quote for maintenance on the Scag Lawn Mower, for the amount of \$1,611.17. Support Miller. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dept of Treasury - Congratulations from the State Tax Commission on the passing score of 90 out of 100. Great job, and thanks go out to Shelley Rosa for her hard work.

PUBLIC IN-PUT: None

TREE REMOVAL: One bid was presented. Motion by Geetings to accept Northwood Stump Grinding's bid, Alan Rose, to remove the tree from Champion Hill Cemetery, for the amount of \$1,800. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ELECTRIC CONTRACT: Motion by Rosa to approve Lakeshore Electric Services LLC to install and do a lighting upgrade for the township hall. Support Miller. Roll Call. Moore - No, Demitroff - Yes, Rosa - Yes, Miller - Yes and Geetings - Yes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: JPC Recommendations - Motion by Rosa to adopt the amended Agreement Establishing the Homestead and Inland JPC. Support Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Moore to renew the amended Professional Services Agreement for Williams Consulting Services, and to renew the amended contract for Roger Williams. The Contract will include a review within the next 2 years or at the time of budget approval, and will increase his salary by 20% or \$1,250 per month, effective immediately upon signing of the contract. Support Miller. Roll Call. Demitroff - Yes, Miller - Yes, Moore - Yes, Rosa - Yes, and Geetings - No. Motion Carried.

Village Resolution - Motion by Miller to approve the Resolution from the Village of Honor to join the Joint Planning Commission with Homestead and Inland Township. Support Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Letter of Authority - Motion by Moore to accept the Letter of Authority to allow the Clerk, Treasurer, their Deputies from Homestead Township, along with the Clerk, Treasurer, and their Deputies from Inland Township to sign the Signature Card for the Homestead Inland Joint Planning Commission's Checking Account. Support Miller. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Energy Audit - After much discussion: Motion by Geetings to apply for the Energy Grant through the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. Support Miller. Ayes - Miller, Rosa, Demitroff and Geetings. Nay - Moore.

Road Rating - The Board reviewed The Current Surface Rating Report. It is their recommendation to ask the Road Commission to review Brownell and to make their recommendation to improve the poor condition of the road. It is the full concenses of the board to set money aside for road improvements.

Merit - Run Cable Request - Motion by Miller to grant Merit Cable access to our municipality's right-of-way to use our road right-of-way by approving their application for a METRO Act Permit. Support Demitroff. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Fire Department 14 runs for the month of October. The trucks are going in for Maintenance and Inspections.

Park - The Park Maintenance contract was up on October 31, but Frank Walterhouse would like to check on the park every week, until the snow flies, when no one can get up there.

PUBLIC IN-PUT: Bob Rosa - a year ago I asked about the spill ways that are filled with sand up at the Park. How come nothing has been done? Sand will flow down and plug the storm drain. It will back up and cause flooding at the school.

Second, what took place with the bid for the hall lighting upgrade was totally against practice. You should never contact the contractor while the bids are in process. You are asking him to lower his bid, but what happens if it takes him longer to do the job, are you going to pay him for his extra time? That second bid should not be opened.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

ADJOURN: Motion by Miller to Adjourn. Support Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Adjourned at 9:45

Respectfully submitted

Mary Geetings, Clerk  
Cathy Demitroff, Supervisor