

Homestead Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Homestead Township Hall
11508 Honor Highway
Honor, MI 49640
February 7 , 2011

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, and Carol Moore. Absent Matt Miller

Also present: Bob Rosa, Frank Walterhouse, Jeff Pataky, Sherry Taylor, Carol Rader, Lee Anton, Del and Gail Ramey, Wanda Yaks and Andy Loveland

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA : Motion by Rosa to approve the agenda with additions, to include Platte Twp Fire Contract. Support Moore with additions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 3rd MINUTES : Motion by Moore to accept the January 3rd minutes with corrections. Correction to accept the December 6 th minutes with corrections, not the November 1 st . Support Moore with corrections. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: - Treasurer's: Motion by Geetings to accept the Treasurer's Report with corrections 12,557.53 not 12 4 557.53, under Park and Rec. Support Moore with corrections. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Zoning Administrator's, Supervisor's and the JPC: Motion by Rosa to accept the Zoning Administrator's, Supervisor's and the JPC's reports as presented. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS : General - Motion by Rosa to pay the General Fund Bills. Support Moore . 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.

CORRESPONDENCE: Benzie County Road Commission – Clean up Day. Benzie County Directory .

PUBLIC IN PUT: None

RELAY FOR LIFE: Carol Rader, on behalf of the Relay for Life asked the boards permission to use the Homestead Twp Park starting Friday Aug 12 to set up, and August 13 th and 14 th for the walk. There will be camping, and entertainment. They will bring in porta johns, and a dumpster for garbage.

Motion by Rosa to allow Relay for Life the use of the Homestead Twp Park Aug 12 th through August 14 th, and the use of the Homestead Twp Hall in case of inclement weather. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Assessor Contract: Motion by Geetings to give the Assessor \$12.00 (twelve dollars) per parcel for the first year, and give her a c.p.i. increase for the next 2 years.

Support – none.

Geetings rescinded her motion, and suggested to table the Assessor's contract. The Assessor's contract will be placed on the March Agenda.

Cleaning Contract: Motion by Rosa to renew Carol Pelky's three (3) year contract for Custodian Services to the Township Building for \$15.00 (fifteen) dollars per hour. Support Moore . Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Officer Wages: The officers have not had a wage increase in three (3) years.

Motion by Rosa to give the Clerk a 1.5 percent cost of living increase for 2011 / 2012. Support none.

Motion by Moore to not give a wage increases for the 2011 / 2012 fiscal year to the Supervisor. Support Rosa . Roll Call: Demitroff – Abstain, Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Rosa – Yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Moore to not give a wage increases for the 2011 / 2012 fiscal year to the Clerk. Support Demitroff. Roll Call: Demitroff – Yes, Geetings – No, Moore – Yes, Rosa – No. Motion Carried – tied vote.

Motion by Moore to not give a wage increases for the 2011 / 2012 fiscal year to the Treasurer. Support Demitroff. Roll Call: Demitroff – Yes, Geetings – No, Moore – Yes, Rosa – No. Motion Carried – tied vote.

Supervisor wanted it noted that she questions the Clerk and Treasurer voting on their own increases.

Platte Township Fire Contract: Motion by Rosa to approve the Fire Contract for Platte Township , one mill for their 2010 Taxable Value of \$16,357,992.00. Operational fee shall be \$16,358.00. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Budget - Budget meeting will be February 21 st at 7:00 p.m.

Clean-up Day - May 21st - 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at the Benzie County Road Commission.

Policy and Procedure - The board continues to work on these.

Fire Department - 2 runs for January. The Fire Department would like to use the Twp hall at no cost for every Sunday in March – March 6 th , 13 th , 20 th and the 27th for their pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Motion by Rosa to allow the Fire Department use of the Twp Hall for their Pancake Breakfast at no charge, for the 4 Sundays in March. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Some Fire Department members are looking into Rescue School being offered in Thompsonville.

Budget - Motion by Rosa to move \$200.00 (two hundred) dollars from the Capital Outlay Account into the Vehicle Repair Account. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rosa to move \$200.00 (two hundred) dollars from the Capital Outlay Account into the Radio Repair Account. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC IN-PUT: Sherry Taylor - Your tax dollars are going for very high wages, for our Benzie Bus Employees, The Maples Administrator, your County Clerk, your Register of Deeds, and your County Treasurer, and you will not give these who are here serving our Township, even a cost of living wage. I am very disappointed.

Wanda Yaks – Why is our planning, our township paying for an attorney from Bellaire to represent us here in Homestead Township ? I live on \$5,320 dollars a year the same wage since 1991. I am living in a travel trailer that has been on that property long before I moved in. It should have been grandfathered in; it was there before our

zoning took place. My brother was not allowed to speak by Judge Kida, but we sure heard from this attorney from Bellaire. I will move and this place will become a cat house. It will be Benzie County 's first cat house.

Craig Hillier – What is the cost to have the trailer removed? What has the township spent to have the Attorney from Bellaire present? There are other violations taking place in this township.

Del Ramey – I am disappointed in our board for letting this happen. We have a hard time paying our taxes. People from downstate come up here with their money and make our living hard, and want to change things.

Bob Rosa – You have an operating budget and you do not want to give a 1.5% increase. The cost of living for your board members would not have even amount to \$1,000 dollars. Cathy you played what if's with Carol about the lighting, and now you are playing what it's about the wages, in regards to the revenue sharing.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: Moore - What was the cost for this last audit, and where are we with the lighting and Lake Shore Electric? Cathy do you know the cost for the audit? Are we close to starting the process with the lights.

Demitroff - The Green Team will be meeting here at the Township hall on Thursday, February 24 th at 6:00 p.m., and I encourage everyone to attend. The committee consists of me, Sally Soper, Frank Walterhouse, Trevor Sholten, and Andy Loveland. We will report to the Township Board at the March meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Moore to Adjourn. Support Rosa . Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Geetings, Clerk Cathy Demitroff, Supervisor