

Homestead Township Board of Trustees
Homestead Township Hall
11508 Honor Highway
Honor, MI 49640
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2012

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, Carol Moore, and Mary Geetings. Absent Matt Miller

Also Present: Frank Walterhouse, Beverly Holbrook, Bob Rosa, Dennis Rodzik, Andy Loveland, Butch Garber, Shannon Crossman, Sherry Taylor, and Steve Haougan.

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Rosa to approve the agenda with additions under new business: Steve Haougan - Construction / Building Dept, Cloral Beeler's Resignation ZBA, and Snow Removal. Support Moore with additions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 4th AUGUST 6th, 2012 MINUTES:

Motion by Moore to accept the September 4th minutes as presented. Support Rosa . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT REPORTS: Adjust Cemetery Budget in the General Fund - Motion by Rosa , to transfer funds from the Building and Grounds Account, into the Cemetery Account. Support Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjust the Fire Dept Budget - Motion by Rosa to approve the amended fire department budget presented to the board by Chief Walterhouse - Attached. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rosa to accept all consent reports as presented. Treasurer's, Clerk's, Zoning Administrator's, Supervisor's, JPC and the Fire Chief's Reports. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Moore to pay the General Fund, Fire, JPC, and the Park and Rec bills. Support Rosa . Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Changes in the Building Dept - County

PUBLIC IN PUT: Dennis Rodzik - Riverside Dr. - A FOIA - Freedom of Information request was submitted to the clerk. Under the state requirements, this office has 5 days to respond back. This letter was received into this office on Monday Sept. 24 and I have received no response as of today. This office could be sued for not supplying information within the required time frame.

NEW BUSINESS - Steve Hougan, distributed to the board, Instruction - Application to Administer and Enforce Construction Codes. He is going to each township to introduce the idea of each township having their own how building department, with him being the facilitator. Ten percent of the permit fees would stream line into the township budget. It would not cost the township any money to operate. He would operate out of his own building.

Zoning Ordinance - Andy Loveland - An Ordinance to Amend the Homestead Inland Township Joint Zoning Ordinance was reviewed with the board. Motion by Rosa to amend the Zoning Districts Map to rezone from Rural Residential to Commercial a portion of a parcel, #10-08-02-017-10 located at 20522 Honor Highway , Interlochen. Support Moore . Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resignation - Cloral Beeler - Motion by Rosa to accept the resignation of Cloral Beeler from ZBA with regrets. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rosa to run an ad in the local paper to advertise for a ZBA member, to replace Cloral Beeler. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Snow Removal - Motion by Rosa to place an ad in the local paper, with the previous requirements for snow removal, for the 2012 - 2013 winter. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS - Insurance - Motion by Moore to keep the coverage we have with Travelers Insurance. Support Rosa . Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Mutual Aid - National Park Service - Motion by Rosa to sign the Mutual Aide agreement presented to the Board with the National Park Service. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Tobin - Audit - The audit is still incorrect. We operate with more than one bank. Cathy will contact Tobin's office to discuss the correction. This will be added to the agenda on October 8th special meeting.

Fire Department - MFR meeting with the Township Board Monday, October 8 th at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC IN PUT - None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD: The clerk has been served papers to appear in court on Thursday, October 4, regarding the Ballot Issue with the Village of Honor . Motion by Rosa to approve legal counsel for the township clerk. Support Moore . Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Moore - Will there be follow up on the FOIA request for Mr. Rodzik?

ADJOURN:

Motion by Miller to Adjourn. Support Moore . All Ayes. Motion Carried. Adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted

Mary Geetings, Clerk Cathy Demitroff, Supervisor