

Homestead Township Board of Trustees
Homestead Township Hall
11508 Honor Highway
Honor, MI 49640
REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2013

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

Present by Roll Call: Dan Moore, Jessica Wooten, Shelley Rosa, Mary Geetings, and Andy Loveland.

Also Present: Frank Walterhouse, Butch Garber, Tim Markey, AJ Zirkel, Jeff Stratton, and Craig Johnson.

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Geetings to approve the agenda with additions: Budget Workshop Minutes, Special Meeting Minutes, Fertilization-Northern Green Lawn, and Sexton Contract. Support Wooten with additions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4th, 2013 MINUTES:

Motion by Rosa to accept the February 4th minutes with corrections. Support Loveland with corrections. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wooten to Accept the Budget Workshop Minutes as presented. Support Loveland. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Rosa to accept the Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Support Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT REPORTS:

Treasurer, Zoning Administrators and Clerk's reports - Motion by Rosa to accept the Clerk's, Treasurer, Zoning Administrators and Fire Dept reports as presented. Support Loveland. 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 - Motion by Geetings to accept the budget amendment presented to the board by Frank Walterhouse, and to pay all bills. Support Wooten. Roll Call. All Ayes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Budget Adjustment - Motion by Geetings to accept the budget adjustment proposed to the board by Frank Walterhouse as follows:

Decrease Training by \$700.00

Decrease Fuel by \$700.00

Decrease Dues by \$250.00

Increase Radio Repairs by \$100.00

Increase Vehicle Repair by \$250.00

Increase Equipment Repair \$700.00

Increase Payroll Taxes \$700.00

Support Wooten. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE - None

PUBLIC IN- PUT - Sheriff Tedd Schendel - Introduced himself, and explained to the board and audience the new programs he has put into place in the last 2 months that he has been sheriff. He plans on attending more meetings, and wants us all to know that he predicates his office from Public In-Put.

PUBLIC IN PUT - Closed

NEW BUSINESS

Park Maintenance Bid Contract - There has been one bid submitted, however the date for opening the bids, was placed incorrectly in the paper, instead of the meeting date of March 4, it said March 5. This will be tabled until next month.

Sexton Bid - Eric Fernelius, the current Sexton, dropped off a proposal and burial fee for the board to review. The Sexton Contract is up for renewal May 2013. An ad will be placed in the paper for a 4 year contract, as the board wants to be consistent on how they operate.

Fertilization - Northern Green Lawn sent a proposal to fertilize the upper lighted ball field and Bleacher Bowl Area. An ad will be placed in the paper, as the board wants to be consistent on how they operate.

Concession Stand - Place an ad in the paper in April, after some research regarding the water test, are answered. A decision will be made at the May meeting.

NEW YEAR BUSINESS

Motion by Wooten

Robert Rules: Motion by Wooten to conduct the meetings by Robert Rules. Support Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Meeting Dates: Motion by Wooten to hold the Regular Township Meetings on the first Monday of every month, except those Mondays that fall on a legal holiday. The meeting will then be held on the first Tuesday of the month. All meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Homestead Township Hall, 11508 Honor Hwy, Honor, MI 49640. Support Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Depositors: Motion by Wooten to have the Honor State Bank, and Central State Bank as our Depositors for the 2012 and 2013 fiscal year, but to have the option to negotiate with other banks, if so desire. Support Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Truth and Taxation: Motion by Wooten that the Homestead Township Board will levy the maximum millage allowed following the guidelines set by the State of Michigan for 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Township Park Committee - There were no responses to the ad in the paper.

Park activities will be tables until next month.

Fire Dept - Craig Johnson - reviewed with the Board the "Benzie County Emergency Management and Alternate Facility". He will come back to the April Board meeting with the proposed changes suggested by the board.

Fire Truck Status - Motion by Wooten to allow the Homestead Township Fire Department to go out for bids for a New Pumper. Support Geetings. Roll Call. Moore - No, Rosa - No, Wooten - Yes, Geetings - Yes, and Loveland - Yes. Motion Carried.

Air Pack Status - Review next month - waiting for research.

Township Hall Contract - Table until April meeting

CD - \$140,000 has been transferred to Central State Bank.

Clean - Up Day - We will have clean up day this year in May. Further research will take place on possible alternate years, or charging a fee, an inquiry will be sent out with the tax notices in 2014.

PUBLIC IN PUT - Jeff Stratton - Does the Fire Dept have money to purchase a fire truck?

Michigan Green Consortium is taking place this Saturday at American Waste in TC. This is free. You can bring electronic, household items up there.

Butch Garber - Who is not supporting the Chief, feels certain members of the Twp Board are not supporting the Fire Dept. and all they are doing for the community.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board: The clerk will not be at the next board meeting.

Adjourned: 8:45

Respectfully submitted

Mary Geetings, Clerk

Jessica Wooten, Supervisor