

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
April 7, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 7:12 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, Tim Markey, David Thompson, Karl Sparks, Brian Saul, Paul Beechraft, Marlene Wood, Carol Moore, and Pat (?).

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Rosa to approve the agenda with additions – Add Recycling Coordinator to Public In Put, BCRC Commission to Correspondence, and Personnel Issue / Closed Session will go under New Business. Support Loveland with addition. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Presentation – Village of Honor - No Show

PUBLIC IN PUT

David A. Thompson - Candidate for the 19th Circuit Court Judge introduced himself to the crowd. He will be on the November, 2014 ballot.

Karl Sparks - Benzie County Administrator, introduced himself to the audience, and informed everyone present about the workshops that are being offering at the county. They are all listed on the county web site.

Marlene Wood - Recycling Coordinator – Distributed the 2013 Annual Report.

PUBLIC IN PUT - Closed 7:20

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 3rd Meeting Minutes - Motion by Rosa to accept the minutes as corrected – missing a period, (Village of Honor Presentation). Support Moore, with correction. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

March 3rd Budget Meeting Minutes - Motion by Rosa to accept as presented. Support Wooten. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion by Wooten to accept the Clerk, Treasurer, and Zoning Administrator reports, as presented. Support Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

JPC REPORT: Dan Moore reported that there will be a need for a ZBA hearing, to settle road boundaries. The JPC approved the fish procession plant with conditions, on US 31. The board reviewed the noise ordinance, but since it is handled by the police authority, they will not include it in the plan. The Master Plan was reviewed, and only found minor corrections / typos, and that no public hearing will be needed. Interlochen Eagles approached them with a site plan, for a Flea Market.

Motion by Wooten to accept the JPC report as presented. Support Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPT: Frank distributed a letter of resignation from Tim Gonyon. The new truck is here. He would like to have a picture of the truck with Board Member and Fire Dept, to have placed in the Record Patriot.

Motion by Wooten to accept the Fire Dept report as presented. Support Loveland. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

BILL CONSENT: Motion by Wooten to pay the General Fund, Park, and Fire Dept Bills. Support Moore. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: American Waste, Benzie County Newspaper Archive, and KBW Kalamazoo Banner Works.

PUBLIC IN PUT: Carol Moore - She came to address the village, and would hope to have changed their mind about going after the “?” building. It is wrong for the Government to take people’s property. Maybe Tax Abatement should be offered to improve people’s property.

PUBLIC IN PUT CLOSED – 7:50

NEW BUSINESS

Information Regarding Henning Property - Supervisor, Jess Wooten, informed the Board, that the “?” building is now owed by the County, since Mr. Henning did not pay his taxes. The Township should be receiving a letter from the state about wanting to own the property. The State has the first option to buy, then the Township, the Village and then the County, for the cost of the back taxes of \$6,500.

CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matter
The Board went into Closed Session at 7:45.
Out of Closed Session at 8:12.

Preventative Maintenance Contract - Accucomp Computers - Motion by Wooten to accept the Maintenance Contract from Accucomp Computers, for the cost of \$135.00. Support Geetings. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Generator Maintenance Contract - Table until the May Meeting.

Auditor Contract - Motion by Wooten to accept Tobin & Co's, Contract to provide an Audit for Homestead Twp for the year ending in March, 2014. The cost of the Audit will be \$3,450, and not to exceed \$200.00 for out of pocket expense. Tobin's office will prepare the F-65 for \$300.00, at the request of the Township. Support Loveland. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Drinking Water Sampling - The well at the Park needs to be sanitized. Motion by Wooten to approve the cost to have a well driller sanitize the well, and then submit a sample for testing. She will check with Bob's Well Drilling. Support Loveland. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clean up Day - The post cards will be printed up and sent out.

Fire Department Policy Workshop - Tim Markey will forward to everyone the changes that have been made thus far. Everyone will review by May, email changes to Tim, and we will schedule a meeting for 6:00 pm June 2, to do a final review.

Twp Hall Improvement Workshop – Prioritize your list, email to Jess, and we will discuss at the May 5th, Township Meeting.

Twp Hall Floor - Jess will contact Cindy Gottschalk, since the bid we had accepted has back out.

PUBLIC IN PUT: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

The grease pipe for the kitchen stovetop, along with the hood, need to be cleaned. One side of the grill is not working, and the drain under the kitchen sink needs to be addressed. The faucets in the men and women's bathrooms are also leaking.

RESIGNATION OF TIM GONYON - Motion by Wooten to accept with heartfelt regrets the resignation of Tim Gonyon from the Fire Department. Support Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

BUDGETS -

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING BUDGETS AND AMOUNTS, AS PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC AND THIS BOARD, AT THIS TIME, BE HEREBY ADOPTED, AT THE ACTIVITY LEVEL:

JPC : Motion by Geetings. Support Moore to Accept the JPC Beginning Balance Budget of \$45,190.11. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Park and Rec Saving: Motion by Geetings. Support Wooten to Accept the Park and Rec Beginning Balance Budget of \$1,226.38. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Park and Rec: Motion by Wooten. Support Loveland to Accept the Park and Rec Beginning Balance Budget of \$5,827.90. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fire Improvement: Motion by Wooten. Support Geetings to Accept the \$0 Budget for the Fire Improvement Account. Account is Closed. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

General Fund: Motion by Wooten. Support Rosa to Accept the General Fund Beginning Balance Budget of \$560,923.86 Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fire Dept Budget: Motion by Wooten. Support Moore to Accept the Fire Dept Beginning Balance Budget of \$82,351.00. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Homestead Twp Fire Equipment: Motion by Wooten. Support Geetings to accept the Homestead Twp Fire Equipment beginning balance of \$41,127. 00. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Budget Resolution: Motion by Wooten to accept the Budget Resolution with amendments presented to this board. Support Geetings. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Trustee, Andy Loveland announced to the board that he will be stepping down as Trustee of Homestead Township because of religious reasons. He will submit in writing to the board at the May meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Wooten to adjourn. Support Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Geetings, Clerk

Jessica Wooten, Supervisor