

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting of the Homestead Township Board Meeting was called to order, by Chair Jessica Wooten, at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken. Geetings, Holbrook, Rosa, Wooten and Moore were all present.

All Participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC IN PUT - None

AGENDA - Additions to the Agenda – Add the Proposal from Northern GreenLawn under Correspondence, and Fire Chief under Fire Department. Motion by Wooten to accept the Agenda with additions. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT GROUP-

Minutes - correction page 2 - Note that the motion was carried. Motion by Wooten to accept the December 1st minutes with correction. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bills - Motion by Wooten to pay all bill. Support Moore. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk's Report - Shortage in the Park and Rec Maintenance and Repair Account, as a result of having the mower overhauled. Motion by Rosa to transfer \$600.00 from the Capital Outlay Account into the Maintenance Repair Account for the Park and Rec. Support Wooten. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Zoning, Treasurers, and Clerk's Reports - Motion by Wooten to accept the Zoning Administrators Report, the Treasurers Report, as presented, and the Clerk's reports with the change to the Park and Rec Account. Support Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

JPC - No meeting in December. January's meeting will take place, where we will appoint and re-appoint positions.

Fire Department - 20 Medical runs for the month of December, and 8 fire runs. The department finished the year with 242 runs. The tanker is back from repairs. The department welcomes Erin Drew as our newest member to the fire department, and we currently have one member in school.

One of our fireman is interested in taking EMT classes. The current Fire Department's Budget cannot support this cost. Discussion followed, and will continue at our budget meeting on whether the township can, or will support this training for the Fire Department.

Motion by Wooten to accept Erin Drew to the Homestead Twp. Fire Department. Support Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief - Currently, AJ Zirkel is acting as interim Fire Chief. Motion by Wooten to promote AJ Zirkel from interim Fire Chief to Fire Chief. Support Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Tim Markey - was voted by the Fire Department as Assistant Fire Chief as of December 7th.

Commission Frank Walterhouse - At the Jan 6th Commissioner's meeting, we will appoint the Chairman, Vice Chairmen, set the dates for future meetings, and appoint members to all the Committees. The sheriff's office has hired a new T&T officer, and a new Deputy.

CORRESPONDENCES - Northern GreenLawn Proposal - Motion by Holbrook to accept the proposal by Northern GreenLawn for lawn care on the upper ball field in the park. Support Rosa. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Frank Post - Distributed to the Board the Proposed Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. He has asked the board to review, and he would like to come back in February to look at a possible resolution for the board to adopt.

Mileage Rate 2015 - Motion by Wooten to accept the Federal mileage rate of 57.5 for 2015. Support Moore. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bulletin Boards - Jess will research cost for a large bulletin board for the outside of the building facing the school.

MTA Workshop – Board of Review - Motion by Geetings to approve 4 members of the Board of Review to attend the Workshop held at Crystal Mountain February 23. Support Holbrook. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Budget Kick Off - A Summary of a proposed Budget was distributed for review. The February Budget Workshop Meeting will be February 2nd along with the regular township meeting.

Project 2015 - Ideas thrown out for review: Motion Light on the Outside of Building to light up the steps at night, Light on the Flag Pole, Walking Path, Paint Park Bleachers, Water Well – to fill the tankers, water an ice rink, and other further usage. AJ to contact Bob's to get some estimates on the well.

Township Clean Up Day - Motion by Wooten to allow, but not to exceed \$650.00 dollars for the expense of postage, labels and postcards that will be sent out to the residents of Homestead Township notifying them that Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 16, 2015. Support Holbrook. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS - Board of Review vacancy - Jess is working on this. She has contacts in mind.

OPEN FORUM -

Frank Walterhouse - encouraged the board to find a way to help Butch Garber work towards his EMT license. The Department has lost 2 EMT, and growth in this area for this Department is a good thing.

The lower diamond that a group of citizens have been working on, needs to come back to the Township. They have worked hard, and have done a great job, but it needs to be completed, so the field can be used. Frank also reminded the board of the wash outs by the concession stand in the park. A drain along with black top, would make this a permanent fix.

Chris Geetings - If you are going to train individuals in the township, or the Fire Department as EMT's, then you will need to upgrade the vehicle that those EMT would be using. You as a board need to decide what it is you want to do. Training and a updated vehicle are expensive, but you can't have one without the other.

ADJOURN - Motion by Holbrook to adjourn. Support Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Geetings
Homestead Township Clerk