

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Jessica Wooten.  
The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present by roll call: Mary Geetings, Dan Moore, Jessica Wooten, Shelley Rosa and Beverly Holbrook.

Also Present: Frank Walterhouse, Benzie County Commissioner. Tim Markey, Fire Chief.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Wooten stated that under Action Items to take FD resolution out as that was last month business and under New Business add Profit and Loss statement for Budget Review. Motion by Wooten to approve the agenda as corrected, supported by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT GROUPING:**

**Minutes:** Correction to minutes of October 5, 2015: Note on page 4 to be deleted, was not relevant to context. Motion by Wooten to accept minutes with correction, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Bill Paying:** Motion by Rosa to pay all bills, support by Geetings. Roll Call: Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Reports – Treasurer, Clerk, Zoning Administrator -**

Geetings stated we're overdrawn \$840.00 on the Cemetery account due to the trees we had treated and shrubs removed. Geetings asked to move \$1500 from Capital Outlay to cover the \$840 plus what bills will come in until the end of the budget year. A motion was made by Wooten to move the \$1500 from Capital Outlay to the Cemetery account, supported by Geetings. Roll call: Moore – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Motion by Wooten to accept reports as written with the amended Clerk report (on file), supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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**JPC – Dan Moore** – \*Reviewed site plan for Walt's Smokehouse and the board decided that he is still in guidance with his site plan approval with the conditions.

\*Discussed mass gathering section of the ordinance in our zoning plan and will keep it in the plan as it is already being enforced. It was worded wrong for the public hearing. Should be worded "amend the amended ordinance". JPC has decided to have this corrected at a public hearing to make the correction for the attorney. \*Citizen on Pioneer Rd. filed a complaint regarding junk (13 vehicles). A letter has been issued.\*Reviewed and discussed medical marijuana – tabled. New rules coming and townships will be more involved. \*Discussed zoning issue on US31 in Inland Twp – half the land is commercial and part residential. The board will review all property on US31.

**Fire Department** – \*Tim Markey stated we had 215 runs year to date. October runs on file. We have new computer aided dispatch maps in our rescue. Tim put a new router in the office to make this work better. \*Had the smoke trailer at Platte River School for the K – 5 kids. Goal is to get smoke detectors in family homes. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade had a demonstration with fire extinguisher simulators that they operated. \*Our engine was at Honor Plaza for Halloween night and they handed out candy to 40 or 45 kids – was a rainy night. \*Hose testing went well. Frankfort had their ladder truck here and we got our flag back up. \*New applicant: Craig Johnson. A motion to accept Craig Johnson to the fire department was made by Rosa, supported by Wooten. All Ayes. Motion carried. \*HEP flu shots – still following up.

**Rec. Park** – \*Frank Walterhouse stated the park is closed. \*New lock on concession stand but there is more food items in it to get out. Frank gave Shannon a key and he can return it after he clears out trailer. \*The police report regarding the score board has been made. \*The lawnmowers are in for service. The big one is ready to come back and the bill is \$416.

Motion by Wooten to accept Fire Department and Ball Park Manager reports as presented, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**COMMISSIONER:** \*Frank Walterhouse stated that the county has signed a contract with the Council on Aging for the next year. He brought in reports showing the COA had a fantastic growth year.

**Correspondence** – Letter from Matt Skeels at the Road Commission regarding the Lindy Road project closure October 14 – November 18.

Last Saturday the power went out at the hall and the generator was successful. MTA course available this month if board members interested.

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Jeff McCray- Burnham & Flower Insurance Group:** Follow-up on the township renewal of property liability package. It renewed September 25, 2015. \*There are some suggestions for next year's COHO festival so not to have any coverage gaps. \* We will get a dividend of 6% or 7% on our policy this next year. These are unpaid premiums going back to the membership of the par plan. \*Grant money still available for anything to do with risk reduction up to \$5000 – fire departments are a big recipient of these. Will need a resolution from the board for the project. \*Citizen

planner certification is available. This is a \$515 cost and we can send one person per year and be reimbursed. Some of the course work is online webinar. Will take this to JPC.

**Ordinances:** Fire Department Cost Recovery, Mass Gathering, Blight vs. Junk, and Cemetery Ordinances were discussed. \* Board feels the Cemetery ordinance is fine. \* Fire Department cost recovery we will move forward. \* Mass Gathering – we have no police power to enforce so we would have to do our own Twp ordinance or combine with Inland and share the costs for a proper ordinance. Jessica will look into this with Roger, Dan and the attorney. \*Blight vs Junk - the board will combine both .

**Bids:** Two snowplowing bids were opened: Beechcraft \$65 per plow and AJ Excavating \$65 per plow. A motion by Geetings to award bid for the 2015-2016 season for \$65 per plow to AJ Excavating, supported by Wooten. Roll call: Rosa – Yes, Moore – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

There was one bid for snow loader from AJ Excavating for \$150 per time. A motion by Wooten to accept this bid, supported by Rosa. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Profit and loss statement for budget review:** The board will look at this and discuss in December.

Geetings stated that there may be 4 elections in 2016: March – Presidential Primary, May – Village recall, August – Township Board, November – Presidential.

### **Public Input:**

Sherry Taylor noted that in our Junk Ordinance Section 4C #3 talks about decibels for noise.

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**ADJOURN:** Motion by Wooten to Adjourn, supported by Rosa – Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook  
Recording Secretary

Jessica Wooten  
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting December 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.