

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
APPROVED 1/4/2016
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 5:59 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 and Beverly Holbrook. Shelley Rosa excused.

Also Present: Tim Markey, Fire Chief

PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Wooten to approve the agenda as written, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT GROUPING:

Minutes: Motion by Geetings to accept minutes as written, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bill Paying: Motion by Wooten to pay all bills, support by Moore. Roll Call: Moore – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Holbrook – Yes, Rosa - Excused. Four Ayes, One Excused. Motion Carried.

Reports – Treasurer, Clerk, Zoning Administrator -

All reports were written submitted with no corrections.
Discussion of Homestead Twp. Junk violation was held under the JPC report.

JPC – Dan Moore – *Reviewed camper storage at Turtle Lake, found no violation. *Medical marijuana – tabled. *Re-zoning parcels on US31 in Inland Twp if owners request a zoning change. *The Pioneer Rd. zoning violation regarding car storage has no status at this time. It will be discussed at the next JPC meeting.
Discussion was now taken up with the parties involved in this situation. The board heard both sides of the complaint from Mr. Keith Riemersma and Corey's Big Dog Towing Company. Mr. Riemersma bought land next to the property owned by Corey's Big Dog Towing to build a new home. Corey's Big Dog Towing bought his land to use as a place to store vehicles after being towed. They were under the belief that they would be able to store the vehicles until such time they could scrap them out. The zoning administrator told them nothing that would make them believe they were in violation. In the Homestead Twp. Junk ordinance you cannot store wrecked junk vehicles on rural residential property. The Board must decide whether to use the

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JPC Blight ordinance or Homestead Twp. Junk ordinance and if legal action to remove the vehicles is needed, will we use the JPC attorney or our township attorney. It will be up to Corey's if they remove the vehicles we will not send a letter. We will have our JPC look into where we could have an impound lot for vehicles.

Fire Department – *Tim Markey stated we had over 250 runs year to date. *Paul Oliver will give our first responders free flu shots. *New applicants: Brandon Morse and Brent Frederick. A motion to accept both to the fire department was made by Wooten, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Rec. Park – Closed.

Motion by Wooten to accept Treasurer, Clerk, Zoning Administrator, JPC, Fire Department reports as written and discussion, supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER: No report.

Shelley Rosa arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Correspondence – Letter from Dawn Olney regarding the recall filing of the Honor Village President special election on May 3, 2016.

Letter for MTA semi-annual meeting in Benzonia. December 16 or 17. (Letter on file)

ACTION ITEMS

Sheriff Dept. Snow Patrol: Last year we contributed 13% of the \$3000 needed which was \$400. Geetings made a motion to spend (correct to send) \$400 to the Benzie County Sheriff snow patrol, supported by Rosa. Roll call: Moore – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Snow bank removal: If we have occasion for snow bank removal, Wooten or Markey will make the call to AJ to have them removed.

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Resolution for 2015 Property Exemption Guidelines: Motion by Wooten to adopt the resolution for the 2015 Property Exemption Guidelines, supported by Moore. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Moore – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Patrol Agreement: This agreement is regarding paying extra for a Deputy at certain hours. We have a copy of Inland's agreement. We might hire a Deputy for certain events at \$50 an hour through the Sheriff's department. The Board will keep this in consideration for future events such as Coho Festival. We may make this part of our Mass Gathering ordinance to have the event sponsor have this extra coverage. This expense should not fall on the taxpayer.

Profit and loss statement for budget review: The board did look at this as a year to date study to prepare for the next budget.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Public Input:

Craig Johnson spoke about pre-hospital cardiac arrest and why early CPR is so important. They are having free CPR classes around the county. They would like to have a class in the hall on January 14, 2016, from 6 pm to 9 pm. A motion was made by Geetings to allow the Benzie EMS use the township hall for this class, supported by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Rosa mentioned that we should re-open the Junk violation situation under New Business to have a board vote to take action. Wooten made a motion to open under Action Items: Junk Ordinance violation, supported by Geetings. All Ayes Motion carried.

The JCP attorney told the township to enforce the township Junk ordinance using our attorney. There was a discussion regarding the township attorney's knowledge on our ordinances vs. the JCP attorney. After deliberating a motion was made by Wooten to call the JPC attorney, Byron Graham, to see if he would represent the township regarding the Cory's Big Dog Towing junk ordinance violation. If he cannot, we would ask for an attorney recommendation from Traverse City or Benzie County that has the experience we will need in this situation. Supported by Rosa. Roll call: Moore – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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ADJOURN: Motion by Wooten to Adjourn, supported by Moore – Adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook
Recording Secretary

Jessica Wooten
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.