

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
APPROVED 6/6/2016
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Jessica Wooten.
The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present by roll call: Shelley Rosa, Mary Geetings, Dan Moore, Jessica Wooten, and Beverly Holbrook.
Also Present: Tim Markey, Fire Chief

PUBLIC INPUT: Keith Riemersma had comments regarding the Homestead Junk and Blight ordinance. * Under 1.3.5 Junk Automobile: looks to contain too many “and” statements requiring that multiple conditions would need to apply. Does it have to qualify with both of the “ands”? *Under 3.1.1: The term “(2) large items of junk” is undefined and thus the term “or the equivalent volume” is also undefined. *Under 4.1.1: Junk Yards, currently there is no zoning for junk yards in Homestead Twp. Have to write this for future zoning possibilities.*Under 4.1.3.2: List setbacks and if the township does initiate some zoning you would want to make sure that doesn’t conflict with what they decide setbacks would be for a junkyard. *Under 8.1: What happens after 2nd offense? Fines are undefined.

Closed public input at 6:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Wooten to approve the agenda with changes as follows: *Under Reports add CoHo Festival, *Guest Speaker not able to attend tonight, *New Business add Boy Scout Troup, State Police Rent, Road Brine, Broken fixture in our bathroom and our cleaning service bid, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: None

CONSENT GROUPING:

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

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

Reports – Treasurer, Clerk, Zoning Administrator -

All reports presented as written. Shelley wanted the board to note that the fire truck principal balance is \$96,747.35

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JPC – Dan Moore – no meeting. Next meeting is April 18th, 7 pm at Homestead

Fire Department – Tim Markey gave a written report (on file). *Busy year and month. Up to 72 runs this year. *Attended Platte Twp. annual board meeting last month and gave a report as to the value of our services to them. They are going to have a millage renewal next year which will include fire equipment. *There is a gentleman that would like to make a donation to our fire department for a jaws of life. Very nice donation. *Getting donations for ice water rescue training. *Going to do an active shooter training at the government center on May 15. *Pancake breakfast did well. The last Sunday people were standing out the door. *The Benzie Firefighters/EMS Association is up and running. *We have 3 people taking EMT class and 2 people taking fire academy. *On May 24 there will be FIT Testing and will need a prescheduled make-up date.

Rec. Park – .Frank Walterhouse stated that Daktronics will come up to see what can be done to repair the scoreboard. There have been 3 breaks, the last is the well house. There are police reports. Will need a new stronger door on the well house. The board agreed to have our insurance adjuster come see all the damage before we schedule for the scoreboard or any work done.

Some cement work is needed on our retaining walls. Might need rails on walls for safety.

At the direction of the ball park manager, he will get Randy Everhart to repair the walls because it is service work. They will look at all the retaining walls and fix to insure safety.

CoHo Festival: There are a lot of events and bringing back a lot of past events. Nathan Lane stated that they are trying to partner with other community groups to help run events. The township needs something to present to our insurance company as to how many camping sites and how the group will cover the bases with water supply and port-a-potties. Also need adequate security. Talking about having a dunk tank competition between the sheriff, fire department and EMS with a traveling trophy and splitting the proceeds. HARP is going to do the Hole in One for a \$1000 prize. Bringing back the bed races before the parade and then BMX racing. The next meeting is April 13, 7 pm at the Village Hall.

Motion by Wooten to accept all reports as written and presented, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER: *Frank Walterhouse handed out information on Broadband that the county has been working on. *There is information on the Maples as to what has been spent to fix the roof problem, \$11,093,297.77. Opening is still on hold. *Plat books are out for \$30.

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Correspondence – None

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to adopt beginning balances for 2016/17 fiscal year as presented in treasurer report:

Wooten made a motion to adopt the beginning balances for 2016/2017 fiscal year as presented in treasurer report, supported by Holbrook.

Roll call: Geetings - Yes, Moore - Yes, Wooten - Yes, Rosa - Yes Holbrook - Yes,. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Cathy Demitroff to JPC Board for another term:

Wooten made a motion to appoint Cathy Demitroff to the JPC Board for another term, supported by Moore.

All Ayes. Motion carried.

JPC Payment:

50/50 split is 14055.00 of 2015 plus contract amount difference of \$140/year for 2012, 2013, 2014 = \$420.

The 50/50 split of 2016/2017 budget remainder needed is \$1668.53.

Wooten made a motion to pay the contract difference of \$140/year for 2012, 2013 and 2014 for a total of \$420 to the Joint Planning Commission account, supported by Holbrook.

Roll call: Geetings - Yes, Moore - Yes, Rosa - Yes, Wooten - Yes, Holbrook - Yes, All Ayes. Motion carried.

Wooten made a motion for the 2016 budget remainder balance check for \$1668.53, supported by Moore.

Roll call: Wooten - Yes, Rosa - Yes, Moore - Yes, Geetings - Yes, Holbrook - Yes, All Ayes. Motion carried.

We are sending separate checks.

Bids for Homestead and Champion Hill Cemetery water supply lines:

Wooten would like to get a bid out for repair of water lines for these two cemeteries.

Schedule Joint Township Meeting with Inland (will be at Inland):

After discussion we need to know the reason for a special meeting.

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Open Bids for:

Concession stand manager: Shannon Purchase will run the stand with the black-out dates stipulated in May and August. Shannon said he would contribute to the food license but we already passed the motion to pay the food and water licenses so the township will pay for these. Wooten made a motion to contract with Shannon Purchase for concession stand manager for the 2016 park year with the condition of May 14 and CoHo festival weekend, August 19, 20 and 21 as black-out dates, supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried. Shannon requested from the board to get quotes to fix the concession stand window to be in compliance with the regulations.

Cemetery lawn care: Lindscape was the only bid. The bids were \$1650 /mo. for lawn service on both cemeteries (Homestead and Champion Hill) and \$360/mo. for grounds keeper on both cemeteries. (Bids on file) A motion by Wooten to accept both bids of lawn care at \$1650/month and grounds keeper for \$360/month to Lindscape for the 2016 year, supported by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Road Brine: Rosa made a motion to brine roads at least two passes, supported by Wooten. Roll call: Moore – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

State Police Rent: Decided to send the invoice for \$900 with a letter to see if they have intentions to keep this office.

Cleaning Service: Will put a bid out for cleaning service.

Broken urinal in bathroom: Will contact Moore Mechanical for service.

Boy Scout Troop: Our troop 65 in Honor is taking a trip to Alaska and need to raise \$6500. We have a need for our park picnic tables and benches to be painted or sealed. Honor Hardware will coordinate with materials. There might be 30 picnic tables and 20 benches to be done. A motion by Wooten for \$25 a table and \$20 a bench to be paid for Troop 65 to do the work on park equipment, supported by Holbrook. Roll Call: Moore – Yes, Wooten – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS -

Junk/Blight Ordinance: A police power ordinance does not need a public hearing but we would like to have public input after we put the ordinance on our website. It was decided to have public input at our May 2 meeting.

Cost Recovery Ordinance: This ordinance is geared to industrial/commercial and not to the home owner. It is more for down power lines or large truck turnovers. We would like to concentrate on the commercial/industrial now and get the ordinance in place so we can recoup some of the money we spend for our services. A contracting service will be used for billing.

We will discuss this at the public input at our May 2 meeting.

Township Clean Up Day Scheduled for Saturday, May 21st.
8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Open Forum:

Tim Markey said the Coast Guard in Frankfort is talking about going seasonal. It would only be manned in the summer.

Keith Riemersma also stated that the plans for the submission of complaints need to be spelled out exactly what that process is. Wooten said that right now we have it set up that in order to do a complaint you have to sign your name to that complaint. This will be discussed.

ADJOURN: Motion by Wooten to Adjourn, supported by Rosa.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook
Recording Secretary

Jessica Wooten
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting May 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.