

HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP **APPROVED 7/5/2016**
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016

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

PUBLIC INPUT: NONE

Closed public input at 6: 01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Wooten to approve the agenda with changes as follows: Add Benzonia Library to New Business; supported by Moore. All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dawn Olney, County Clerk, spoke about her re-election and asked for our vote.

CONSENT GROUPING:

Minutes: Motion by Rosa to accept April 4, 2016 and May 2, 2016 minutes as written, supported by Wooten. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Reports – Treasurer, Clerk, Zoning Administrator -
All reports presented as written.

JPC – Dan Moore –No meeting. Next meeting June 20 at Homestead hall 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department – Tim Markey gave a written report (on file). *The active shooter exercise at the county building went well. *Had 4 illegal burns and a hazardous spill in Honor. *Grant (change to Brent) Frederick has stepped down as a firefighter. *Had two probationary firefighters pass practical's and have taken written tests. If they pass we will have two more licensed firefighters. *Mary Geetings asked if they could do a controlled burn on a brush pile at the Homestead Cemetery.

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Rec. Park - Frank Walterhouse provided a written report. Scoreboard is working and there is a listing of the teams that are playing ball this season. *Frank asked the board for permission to replace a power pole light. Rosa made a motion to have this light replaced with a not to exceed \$900, supported by Wooten. Roll call: Moore - Yes, Rosa - Yes, Geetings - Yes, Wooten - Yes, Holbrook - Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried. *The restroom automatic timer is not working so the restrooms are open 24 hours. With discussion it was decided to call the electrician, Dave Packer, to take a look at this first. If it is more than electrical then Allen Supply will have to be contacted to find out what is broken.

CoHo Festival: Nathon Lane stated that they are still looking into insurance plans including fireworks insurance. They would like to use the side of our building to show movies on Saturday night and the people can sit in the grass lot. They also wondered if we decided on letting them camp in the park. Jessica stated that as long as our insurance carrier is okay with the COHO liability insurance everything should be good. Their next meeting is Wednesday, June 8th at 8:00 p.m. in the village hall.

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

COMMISSIONER: Frank Walterhouse passed out a report from the BC Veterans Affairs committee and a report from the Betsie Valley Trailway Management Council.

Correspondence - Letter from David Schaffer, Recycling Coordinator, regarding the scrap tire collection. They have planned to have one in Honor on July 16 or August 20. Jessica will tell him that the August 20 date is not good because that is CoHo weekend. There will be a collection in Frankfort on June 25.

Letter from Shelley Rosa giving her 30 day notice retiring from Township Assessor. Wooten made the motion to accept her resignation with deepest appreciation and thank you for the years she did this job; supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Truth in Taxation Resolution: Wooten made a motion to pass a truth in taxation resolution as presented; supported by Moore. Roll call: Geetings - Yes, Moore - Yes, Wooten - Yes, Rosa - Yes Holbrook - Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Appoint Dan Skurski to ZBA:

Wooten made a motion to appoint Dan Skurski to the ZBA Board, supported by Rosa.

All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS -

Park improvements - sand pile/\$140/dump truck/Honor Excavating (verbal):

Wooten made a motion to approve a truckload of beach sand to be put in the kids park from Honor Excavating for one load at \$140; supported by Holbrook. Roll call: Geetings - Yes, Moore - Yes, Rosa - Abstain, Wooten - Yes, Holbrook - Yes. Four Ayes, One Abstain. Motion carried.

Tree clean up on rec park trail: There are some trees down on the trail and they need to be cleaned up. Frank Walterhouse said the trail is open now. We still need to take a look at the trail to see if we need extensive work done for safety.

Tree removal at Champion Hill Cemetery: There is a person that has a plot and thought a large old tree was on the lot that they were going to use in the next month. We had Mary and our sexton stake out the lots and found out the tree was not on the lot.

Benzonia Library: Asking for a donation through a contract. 25 - 30 percent of clients are from Homestead Township. Other townships are giving donations and we need to think about this, possibly \$1000. We will look at the contract and make a decision.

Wooten made a motion to amend the agenda to add under Action Items 1. Northern Auto (Zelda Gray) and 2. Tobin and Co.; supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Northern Tire and Auto: Zelda Gray stated that she has plans to open a Tiki hut to sell hot dogs and beer when people pull out at her canoe livery. The name will be Tippy Canoe Rental and Brew. Hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. She is working with the DEQ now for their approval but would like a recommendation from the township board to apply for the state beer permit. After much discussion it was decided that the board had questions to be answered and needed some additional paperwork to make a decision. We will get the questions to Zelda Gray by June 19th so she will have time to prepare for the July 5th meeting.

Tobin & Co: Correspondence on audit. June 30 to August 31 is the audit dates. Not to exceed \$3500 for the year ending March 2016, out of pocket costs not to exceed \$200. Prepare the 1165 form for \$300. Wooten made a motion to accept the 2 year contract as stated above for each year with Tobin and Co. to prepare the audit; supported by Geetings. Roll call: Rosa - Yes, Moore - Yes, Geetings - Yes, Wooten - Yes, Holbrook - Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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OLD BUSINESS -

Junk/Blight Ordinance Review - table: Waiting for revisions from attorney.

- Other Business:**
1. Boy Scouts still going to paint benches and tables.
 2. Fire department donation is still going to be done just need to settle how it will happen.
 3. Road Commission waiting until July to work on Valley Road, after spring floods.
 4. Frank Post said we have a surplus of sand bags available to us if needed.
 5. Jessica said we will work on the mass gathering ordinance starting next month.

Open Forum:

- *Zelda Gray said that her land is commercial and is different from St. Ambrose land.
- * Keith Riemersma talked about a complaint he turned in.

ADJOURN: Motion by Wooten to Adjourn, supported by Moore. Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook
Recording Secretary

Jessica Wooten
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting July 5, 2016 (Tuesday) at 6:00 p.m.