

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
APPROVED 11/7/2016
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Jessica Nuytten.

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM: JUNK/BLIGHT ORDINANCE

Supervisor Jessica Nuytten opened the discussion with explanation as to what has transpired and how the board has come to this ordinance review. There is work to be done on the ordinance but the board wanted to present it to the public and take any discussion. She explained the difference between types of ordinances in a zoning plan, master plan and police power and how they are enforced. We may need a township board of appeals. We will also need a code enforcement officer. Comment of thanks for the work on this ordinance. Nuytten made a motion to adjourn this public forum session at 6:11 p.m., supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

Also Present: Tim Markey, Fire Chief

PUBLIC INPUT: None. Closed at 6:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Nuytten to approve the agenda and add under Old Business the Deadstream road house, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Grouping: Nuytten made a motion to approve minutes and bills, supported by Rosa. Roll call Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Nuytten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Clerk: Written and submitted. No discussion.

Zoning Administrator Report: No report

Nuytten made a motion to accept Treasurer and Clerk reports, supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried.

JPC - Dan Moore stated that at the last meeting Rebecca Schibelhut came to ask them to amend a zoning ordinance for a group day care. The JPC will look into a possible change with much discussion. At this time she may be able to use "home occupancy" rule. *Have had 1 interview for ZA and possibly 2 interviews October 11.

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Zoning Administrator: discussion regarding having Sara Kopriva as interim ZA. Motion made by Nuytten made a motion to hire Sara Kopriva as an interim ZA for Homestead and Inland Township on a month to month basis until the position is filled, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Department – Tim Markey gave a written report (on file). Total runs up to 140. *Decided to go with the Hearst Extrication tools. *Met with our insurance person. Our coverage is appropriate. Discussed death and dismemberment policy for firefighters while on duty. *Halloween – would like to set up trucks at fire station this year. *Firefighters would like to do pancake breakfast again in March in the hall. *Change in officers: Assistant Chief Garber has moved and has stepped down from this position but would like to remain on department because he will be visiting the area quite often. Markey would like to put in two Lieutenants' Craig Johnson and Jeremy Burrows. Nuytten made a motion to accept Mr. Garber's stepping down as Assistant Chief with deepest thank you for all the work he has done and thankful that he is staying on as a regular firefighter, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion carried. Nuytten made a motion to replace the Assistant Chief position with two Lieutenants positions being Craig Johnson and Jeremy Burrows, support by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Rec. Park – Frank Walterhouse stated we have the estimate for ballast repair from Advantage Electric for \$1536. There is a light out also which is additional. Discussion to have everything repaired at one time. Motion made by Rosa to accept Advantage bid of \$1536 but include up to an additional \$250 to replace the other light, supported by Nuytten. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Nuytten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Chip Johnson – Ball field A: Michael Schaub of Troop 267 is asking for an approval of an Eagle project to put a deck and dugout at ball field A. He has blueprints and material specs. The funding has been donated from the Ball field A account which is \$3200. They will also do fundraisers. The material list cost for one dugout is \$2400. They would like to do two if they can raise the extra money through donations. Rosa made the motion to give approval for the dugout project, supported by Nuytten. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Shannon Purchase asked about the land use and building permit for the pavilion. Nuytten said it is all ready. *The weekend ball fundraiser went well. *The concession stand will be cleaned out by October 15. * A pavilion center post broke while someone put a hammock on the post. Frank will have it repaired.

Ballpark drain maintenance will be done on 2 drains.

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Cemetery: Mary is meeting Moore Mechanical and sexton Eric tomorrow night regarding a problem with the work that was done.

COMMISSIONER: Frank Walterhouse passed out a paper that shows how the county tax dollars are spent.

Correspondence: None

ACTION ITEMS

Resident flooding on Covey Road – road repair: Still flooding so only thing to do is pave 350 feet from the end of the existing pavement up the small hill and put in a curb. This cost estimate is \$7500. This is also on our local road project list. This will come out of our road fund which we now have about \$70,326 less the valley road culverts. The culvert project farther up on Valley road may be paid from Conservation District group for fisheries and the road commission is working with them on the funding so it doesn't come back to us. Holbrook made a motion to okay the \$7500 for asphalt to fix Covey road from being flooded, supported by Nuytten. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Nuytten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Open Bids for Winter Work: 2016 – 2017 season

1. Snow plowing – AJ's - \$65 per time
2. Snow removal – AJ's \$150 per time – call from fire chief or supervisor

Motion by Nuytten to accept bids from AJ's for plowing and shovel at \$65 per time and loader snow removal of parking lot of \$150 per time with a call from fire chief or supervisor for the loader work, supported by Moore. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Moore – Yes, Nuytten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Zoning Administrator Position/Ordinance Enforcement Officer

(Previously covered ZA in meeting. If we're moving forward with the ordinances we need an enforcement officer. We need a fee schedule and the officer will be paid per incident. Bill Ward from the village is interested in possibly teaming together to hire a person for this position to work for the township and village.

Phone system upgrades: After discussion, tabled. Will see if Century Link will give us a better price.

IT support: After discussion, tabled.

OLD BUSINESS –

Township Ordinances: Discussed developing a sub- committee to work on the ordinances and bring together to the board. There is too much to consider at a regular meeting. Nuytten will start setting up a meeting including the village. Nuytten made a motion to create the sub -committee for township ordinances and ordinance enforcement officer position in coordination with the village of Honor, supported by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion carried.

BCRD Local Roads 2017 call for projects and maps: We have a list of 4: Weldon Hill for \$28,000 - \$35,000, Covey Rd for \$7500, Homestead Road – no price (gravel pave) between Weldon and 669, Valley road - \$26,760 repave and seal. We can chose one or put all in. After discussion decided to list by importance: Covey (1), Weldon (2), Homestead (3), Valley (4). This will be submitted.

3056 Indian Hill Rd.: Discussion on how to handle the process of clean-up. Very possible that bank will come in and bulldoze the property and clean up. If we spend tax dollars to go through process and then do the clean up, we may not be able to recoup because the value is on the structure not the land. Decided to wait until Feb. or March to see what happens when the bank takes over. Nothing can be done this late in the year.

Other Business: Frank Walterhouse would like to get diamond dust for back field for this fall. He will get bids.

Open Forum

Several questions about ordinance clarification and procedures.

ADJOURN: Motion by Wooten to Adjourn, supported by Moore. Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook
Recording Secretary

Jessica Nuytten
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting November 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.