

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP  
APPROVED 12/5/2016  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 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. Present by roll call: Mary Geetings, Dan Moore, Shelley Rosa, Jessica (Wooten) Nuytten, and Beverly Holbrook.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None. Closed at 6:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Nuytten to approve the agenda and add under Action Items – Resolution for a grant for the fire department and Old Business- Local road discussion, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Bill Kennis of Benzie Bus presented their Annual Report. (on file) He talked about a bus shelter and a park and ride area in Honor.

**Consent Grouping:** Nuytten made a motion to approve minutes and pay all bills, supported by Moore. 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

**JPC -** Dan Moore stated that the JPC interviewed for the new ZA and have a recommendation to hire Sara Kopriva. At the end of their meeting they discussed the new laws for marijuana regulation. Dan will go over these in new business.

**Fire Department – Tim Markey** was not able to make the meeting. Lieutenant Craig Johnson stated that call volume is up for the year and they did have the fire truck down at the plaza for Halloween. There were 30 to 40 kids at the plaza.

**Rec. Park –** Frank Walterhouse stated he has closed the park. \*Jessica said an estimate to repair the damaged doors has been sent to the insurance company. \*Frank presented an estimate from Fergusons to do the yearly maintenance on the mower. This estimate is \$1897.24. A new mower would cost about \$16,500. Shelley stated that she would like to look into contracting the maintenance so we don't have the investment of equipment. After some discussion a motion was made by Holbrook to do the yearly maintenance, supported by Nuytten. Roll call: Rosa – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Nuytten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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**Cemetery:** We had Moore Mechanical put new water lines in both cemeteries. In Champion Hill there are lines crossing where new graves need to be dug. Mary and Jessica have met with Moore Mechanical and they have agreed to do the repair of placing the lines properly. Mary will meet with our sexton Eric and make sure everything will be correct. If the weather holds it will be done now, if not it will be spring. We are holding on bill payment until work is finished. They have not checked Homestead yet to make sure the lines are properly placed.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** Jessica met with Bill Ward, Honor Village President, and they would like to collaborate on creating ordinances. Since we use the same attorney we could share the costs in attorney fees. The village is also looking at hiring an enforcement officer which we could share time and expense. Jessica made a motion that the board is in agreement to coordinate ordinances with the Village of Honor as well as the hiring of an enforcement officer, supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Nuytten made a motion to accept all reports as presented, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER:** Frank Walterhouse passed out the 9 month building permit report, the DNR fall newsletter, and the September meeting minutes from Parks and Recs.

**Correspondence:** Received correspondence from Keith Riemersma regarding his suggestions on our Junk and Blight ordinance. Jessica will bring it to the new ordinance committee.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Zelda Gray – Recommendation for liquor license:** Sara Ross made a presentation for the Topsy Canoe plan. Nuytten made the motion to approve the recommendation to LARA for a Class C license and SDM license for the Topsy Canoe business, supported by Holbrook. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Nuytten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval for JPC rep from Homestead Township:** Jeanne McPherson would like to take the Citizen Planner course. The cost is \$400 and will be reimbursed by our PAR plan. Nuytten made the motion to approve Jeanne for this class, supported by Rosa. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Moore – Yes, Nuytten – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Accept JPC recommendation for JPC Zoning Administrator – Sara Kopriva**  
A motion was made by Nuytten to accept the JPC recommendation for Sara Kopriva for our new ZA position, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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**Reinstate Code Enforcement/Constable Position:** We used to have this position in the township. This will be discussed with the village. Position was used mostly for liquor control. Nuytten made a motion to reinstate a code enforcement officer at a fee based rate, supported by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Grant & Resolution for new radios for fire department:** Craig Johnson brought in a form for this grant application which is a resolution for the township to approve. The grant would give Homestead approximately \$130,000 worth of equipment and the township will need to pay 5% or approximately \$6500 which will be included in the 2017 budget. All other fees have been waived. This grant was approved and applied for last year but they did not get this grant. A motion was made by Moore to accept the BC Regional AFG Grant Application and Resolution Migration to 800MHz Trunked Radio Network, supported by Nuytten. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Moore – Yes, Nuytten – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**Hall key for access during power out for Platte River School:** Mary and Shelley said that they did have a key. Nuytten made a motion to make sure Platte River has a hall key for access in case of emergency, supported by Moore. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**HB4209 Bill for Medical Marijuana facilities:** Dan Moore gave us a hand out. (on file)

There are different licenses that can be applied for. Townships need to have ordinances for this new bill. JPC will work on this in 2017. What we have now is state law but the new bill is the township decision.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**BCRD Local Roads:** Jessica was in a meeting with several people with Brad Schaub. Marshall Road will be brought up to a class A road in 2018. In 2019 Homestead Rd will be a class A from Marshall Rd. to Pioneer Rd. The asphalt is discounted right now and we might want to take advantage and getting some roads repaired on our list. After discussion, we might talk to Weldon and Colfax to help pay for the unpaved portion of Homestead road. We need the estimate for Homestead Rd and see if we can collaborate. Weldon Rd is also bad and we have a cost of \$28,000 - \$35,000 (our cost). It was decided to move Weldon Rd. before Homestead Rd.

**Public Input:**

Keith Riemersma made comments on his recommendations on the Junk and Blight ordinance.

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Jessica Nuytten said thank you to Dan Moore on his service to the township. She also said her thank you to everyone for working with her on the board in case she was not reelected. Bev Holbrook said she also thanked the board members for the experience and enjoyed working with everyone, in case she was not reelected.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Nuytten to Adjourn, supported by Moore. Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook  
Recording Secretary

Jessica Nuytten  
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting December 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.