

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP  
APPROVED 1/2/2017  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

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

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present by roll call: Shelley Rosa, Shannon Purchase, Mary Geetings, Mike Mead, and Beverly Holbrook.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** One of our citizens said his property has been devalued because of neighbors junk spreading. He also found out there was a snowmobile trail and ATV trail running by his property he didn't know about when he purchased the property 10 years ago. He asked for help with these problems. Supervisor Purchase said he would look into this situation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Need to add diamond dust and outside building light under New Business and Guest Speaker Amanda McLaren from the Benzonia Library. Rosa made the motion to approve the agenda with amendments, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Amanda McLaren from the Benzonia Library spoke about their annual report and all the activities. The Benzonia Library received the 2016 State Librarian's Excellence Award. This is quite an honor and the board congratulated Amanda.

**Minutes:** Rosa moved to adopt the November 7, 2016 minutes as presented, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Minutes approved.

**Consent Grouping:** Rosa made a motion to pay all bills, supported by Purchase. Roll call: Mead – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer, Clerk:** Written and submitted. No discussion. Purchase made a motion to approve the treasurer and clerk reports, supported by Mead. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** No report

**JPC:** No report

**Rec. Park:** No report

**Fire Department – Tim Markey** stated that tomorrow night there will be orientation on the new extrication tools that are being delivered. Doing more county wide training exercises. Up to 301 runs so far. 2015 total was 288. Mary asked if they needed something signed regarding the grant resolution the board approved last month. Tim will check into that.

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**Cemetery:** Mary has met at Champion Hill with Moore Mechanical, Eric, and Jessica and laid out where the new corrected water pipes should run. They hoped to get it done this fall but she has not been out to see if it is completed nor has she heard from Moore. Moore Mechanical asked who was going to help pay for the correction for this and she said if they felt they deserved money for correcting their mistakes then she will have to go to the board about that. She has been given wire wickets to mark Homestead because they also made mistakes at Homestead. She and Eric have not gotten out to do that yet.

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** Shannon will get with Bill Ward from the village to discuss how to proceed.

**COMMISSIONER:** Frank Walterhouse passed out a copy of the Maples approved building license, information on the collective bargaining agreement of the dispatch and corrections unions, and information on the 5 grant requests to the Grand Traverse Band (GTB) from Frank Post.

**Correspondence:**

Resignation letter from Daniel Skurski from the ZBA was accepted with regrets by Rosa, supported by Geetings.

Resignation letter from Cathy Demitroff from the JPC as of December 31, 2016, was accepted with regrets by Rosa, supported by Purchase. All Ayes to accept resignations.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**Approval for JPC rep from Homestead Township:** Rosa made a motion to appoint Jeanne McPherson to the JPC to replace Cathy Demitroff as a representative of the village and the township, supported by Purchase. All Ayes. Motion carried. Geetings made the motion, supported by Purchase to appoint Mike Mead as the JPC rep from Homestead township board. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Poverty Exemption Resolution:** This is done every year. These are government set guidelines. Purchase made motion to accept this resolution, supported by Holbrook. All ayes. Motion carried.

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**Diamond dust:** Have a bid on rates from Kasson Sand and Gravel (they have been sold). After discussion a motion was made by Purchase to see if we can purchase at these prices, up to \$900, supported by Geetings. Roll call: Mead – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried. Would like to see if they can bring in the spring instead of now. Frank will check into this.

**Light outside building:** Discussed how dark it is outside the building. Consumers Power needs to fix the one on the pole by the fire barn. After discussion Shannon will look into the best plan to light the area up.

**Accessing Contract:** After discussion a motion was made by Holbrook to keep Jessica Nuytten as accessor with a contract until March 2017, supported by Purchase. All Ayes. Motion carried. Shannon will get the contract and have Jessica sign. Her office hours and phone will be posted on the board.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Public Input:**

Keith Riemersma asked the new board members to introduce themselves to the public and a little about their history.

Geetings told us that there will be a vote recount on Saturday in Leelanau County. We will pay for their time to do this.

Dennis Rodzik spoke about government fund balances and other topics.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Purchase to Adjourn, supported by Holbrook. Adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook  
Recording Secretary

Shannon Purchase  
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting January 2, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.