

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
APPROVED 2/6/2017
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2017**

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, Mary Geetings, Shannon Purchase, Mike Mead, and Beverly Holbrook.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Need to add contract approval of Zoning Administrator Sara Kopriva when the Zoning Administrator report is given. Rosa made the motion to approve the agenda with amendment, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Minutes of December 5, 2016, correction to state what GTB stands for in the Commissioners report (Grand Traverse Band) and in the Accessing Contract the motion was made by Holbrook. Rosa moved to adopt the December 5, 2016 minutes as presented with corrections, supported by Purchase. All Ayes. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC INPUT: Karen Mallon presented some information on the snowmobile safety program funding and said the DNR is not funding this year so the sheriff department is asking for our support this year.

Consent Grouping: Geetings pulled the Moore Mechanical bill for the cemetery repair back out of the folder again. After discussion it was decided to pay \$5000 until the corrections are made in both cemeteries. Geetings made a motion to pay all bills (fire, park and general fund), supported by Rosa. Roll call: Rosa – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Mead – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Geetings made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Rec. Park: No report

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JPC: No report

Fire Department – Tim Markey stated that they closed the year with 320 runs. Our extrication equipment is ready to be used.

Cemetery: Mary reported on the progress of the water lines. Probably will wait until spring to be corrected.

Zoning Administrator Report: Written report from Sara Kopriva. May have office hours in Homestead if needed. Purchase made a motion to accept the Zoning Administrator contract for Sara Kopriva, supported by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER: Frank Walterhouse passed out a copy of the Parks and Rec. minutes and the Commissioners Organizational Meeting Agenda set for tomorrow morning.

Correspondence:

Letter from the Board of Commissioners regarding an invitation to serve on the Benzie County Planning Commission.

ACTION ITEMS

Light outside building: Purchase has a bid from Glen Lake Electric for \$419.00 to install an outside motion light on the side of the building to light the steps and partial parking lot and front doorway. A motion to accept this bid was made by Rosa, supported by Holbrook. Roll call: Mead – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Lawn care: Have a bid for lawn care for 2017 for the top field from Northern Greenlawn for \$597.60 if paid by March 1, 2017 (otherwise it will cost \$664). Purchase made the motion to accept this bid for \$597.60 from Northern Greenlawn, supported by Rosa. Roll call: Rosa – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Mead – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

2017 snowmobile safety program: Rosa made a motion to contribute \$500 this year to the Sheriff Department snowmobile safety program, supported by Purchase. Roll call: Mead – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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Registration fees for the MTA Supervisor training meeting: A motion was made by Rosa to pay the registration fees for the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to attend this meeting at Crystal Mountain, supported by Geetings. Roll call: Mead – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Deputy Supervisor: Purchase would like to appoint Karen Mallon as Deputy Supervisor. Rosa made the motion to appoint Karen Mallon as Deputy Supervisor, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion carried.

HARP Partnership Agreement: Shelley Rosa talked about the agreement between several parties (stakeholders) to form a partnership to purchase 52 acres on the Platte River (Hanley Trust Property) to turn into river access for fishing and canoeing/tubing. This will also be used for other outside recreational activities. The township will hold ownership of the property but it will cost nothing to taxpayers as the costs would be handled through grants, fund development and the Land Conservancy. HARP has committed to raise \$120,000 within this year to make the final purchase of the property. The purpose of the agreement is to apply to the Land Conservancy trust fund which is oil, gas and mineral rights moneys (no tax money) that the state collects. Need to apply by April 1 and need this agreement and a Homestead Township Recreation Plan. The Alliance for Economic Success (AES) will write the grant. Rosa made a motion to enter into the partnership agreement with the Village of Honor, GT Regional Land Conservancy, Benzie County Conservation District, HARP, MI Dept of Natural Resource Fish Division, Platte Lake Improvement Assoc, and Alliance for Economic Success; supported by Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Township Recreation Plan: Beckett/Raeder will draw up our Rec Plan for \$5000. They wrote one for Honor Village so we are being given a discount. We are under the counties plan right now but if we adopt our own plan it will be easier for us to write grants for our park improvements. Bruce Wilde stated that AES is in the process of writing a \$10,000 grant to Rotary Charities to use for costs to help raise the \$120,000 but part of those costs would be the Rec Plan for Homestead Township. He is not sure how much would be toward the \$5000. Rosa stated that we still have money in our park fund. Every 5 years an update is done to the Rec Plan. After discussion a motion was made by Holbrook to pay \$2500 towards the cost of a Recreation Plan for Homestead Township, supported by Purchase. Roll Call: Mead – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Under Review)

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OLD BUSINESS – None

Public Input:

Fire Department would like to reserve the hall for pancake breakfasts every Sunday in March.

ADJOURN: Motion by Purchase to Adjourn, supported by Holbrook. Adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook
Recording Secretary

Shannon Purchase
Supervisor

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