

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
APPROVED 3/6/2017
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The SPECIAL BUDGET REVIEW meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Clerk Mary Geetings.

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

BUDGET REVIEW:

ROADS: Need to go through minutes to pull out future expenses for budget. Goal is to add \$50,000 every year to build fund. Mary will work on this.

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT: Pay off on fire truck is \$62,709.31 and have 3 more years on note. Shannon added PPE-Clothing Replacement to this account.

FIRE OPERATING MILLAGE: After discussion Tim Markey stated that he will go over this proposed budget and get with Shannon.

PARK AND REC: We need to work on the road where it washes out so we should put some money in Miscellaneous for Road Repair. We received a check for \$300 from the insurance company to replace the two doors damaged in the break ins,. This amount will only replace one. Shannon is looking into the price of two doors and he will replace them. Suggested to put in a Misc Repairs under the Miscellaneous. The proposed Revenue is \$24,400 and expenditures \$17,034 so the difference could be put in the Miscellaneous account for road repairs and Misc. repairs. We also need to address the speed bump problem. Mary will find the costs for dealing with the speed bumps. Shannon will look into the road repair dealing with blacktop.

GENERAL FUND: We are getting new voting equipment this year and the County Clerk has suggested that we budget \$3000 - \$5000 for it, which has been included in Elections Supplies. In Cemetery under Miscellaneous we need to remember that the annual tree fertilizing and spraying work will come from this account. In the Treasurer we need to put Deputy Wages and it is suggested to raise Township Trustee Wages to \$3500 to cover any extra meetings. The Treasurer Printing now included the printing of tax bills. Need to add more to Elections for training on new equipment.

Hearing no other suggestions Mary said we have until February 27 to email Shannon with any questions or suggestions.

Budget hearing closed at 6:27 p.m.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Need to add the trees at the cemeteries under Action Items, under Announcements add Resolution Meeting for Trust Fund Grant to purchase the 52 acres. Rosa made the motion to approve the agenda with amendments, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

*Gary Gatrell has a problem on Aylsworth Road being a seasonal road/snowmobile trail and the snowmobilers are causing a hazard by not realizing that people live on that road. The road needs to be updated. There was a car/snowmobile accident and something needs to be done. He is going to the road commission to see if it can be widened because of people living on that road. Having trouble with snowmobilers causing problems fighting over who has the right of way. Mary will call Shannon to see if he can go to the road commission meeting also.

*Jessica Carland from Benzie Bus shared there are 22 new routes a day to Traverse City for people to get to work. They have also increased the Thompsonville service.

*We do have the snowmobile patrol that could help the Aylsworth Road problem.

*Would like to see support for the Darcy Library in Beulah.

*Any progress on the Noise Ordinance? Hope it will be addressed.

Minutes: Minutes of January 2, 2017, correction to Clerk report we will take out what was stated about the budget and re-address in this month's Clerk's report. Rosa made a motion to remove this information, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion carried. Geetings moved to adopt the January 2, 2017 minutes as presented with corrections, supported by Mead. All Ayes. Minutes carried.

Consent Grouping: Geetings made a motion to pay all bills (fire and general fund), supported by Holbrook. Roll call: Mead - Yes, Rosa - Yes, Geetings - Yes, Holbrook - Yes. Purchase - Excused. 4-Ayes, 1-Excused. Motion carried.

Clerk: Written and submitted. In order to take care of the overdrawn accounts Mary made a motion to move \$3500 from Capital Outlay 101-900 and move to Park & Rec 751-900, move \$5000 from Capital Outlay 101-900 and \$8500 from Other Functions 101-850 to Township Operations 101-100, supported by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

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Rec. Park: No report

JPC: Mead reported that they approved with conditions Outdoor Works which is across the road from Inland Township Hall. It is a 20 acre site which will be tree removal business and possible future landscape supply business. There was also election of officers for the board.

Fire Department – Tim Markey stated that it has started out to be a busy year. Up to 32 runs already this year. Regarding the current budget they are over on supplies and dues and subscriptions. After discussion it is placed on hold until next month when Tim will have a plan of how he would like the money transferred.

Cemetery: No report

Zoning Administrator Report: No report

COMMISSIONER: Frank Walterhouse passed out a copy of the end of the year and last quarter Building Report. He also reported that the Maples is on hold.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from the Glen Lake Fire Department to our Fire Department for the mutual aid on January 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Special Board Public Meeting on February 27 at 6 p.m. to discuss and vote on the Homestead Township Rec Plan. Also a special public hearing will be held for considering development and submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to purchase 52 acres to develop a future natural park and universally accessible access to Platte River. This is to review the project and accept public input on the project. It was decided to hold the Budget hearing meeting at 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2017.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution to Establish Ballot Wording Fire Millages: Tim Markey asked the board if they would consider increasing the Fire Department Operations Millage from 1 mill to 1.5 mill. He stated that the other departments are at 1.5 mill or more. We could make our cost recovery program be for all fire calls and just not utilities which would help with costs. Tim was asked to come to the March board meeting with all his different proposals regarding this millage request. The Equipment millage will stay the same at .8 mills.

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Township Officers' Salary Resolution 16-3-2: There was no increase proposed so this resolution remains in effect.

Homestead Township Assessor Contract: The contract is until March 31, 2017; after discussion the position will be posted in the Record Patriot (2 weeks) and the NW Assessors Association website. Applications must be in by the end of February and we will make a decision at the March meeting.

Board of Review Training 2/21/2017: There is an opening for this board. Carrie Corey is interested in this position. First Board of Review meeting will be March 7. A motion was made by Geetings to hire Carrie Corey to sit on the Board of Review, supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Platte Township Fire Department Contract: Tim Markey will take care of this.

MSP - Rental rate: We have been charging \$900 a year rental. A motion was made by Geetings to keep the rate the same at \$900, supported by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Cemeteries/trees: Mr. Fouch from MSU has been fertilizing and injecting the ash trees in both cemeteries to keep them healthy. This year the cost is \$650 because the spruce trees do not need spray treatment this year. A motion was made by Holbrook to have this work done, supported by Rosa. Roll call: Mead - Yes, Rosa - Yes, Geetings - Yes, Holbrook - Yes, Purchase - Absent. 4 Yes, 1 Absent. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS -

2017 Township Clean Up Date - Saturday May 20, 2017: This date has been confirmed with the times 8:00 a.m. to noon. After discussion it was decided to send out postcards. A motion was made by Geetings to have Shannon put out postcards for the Township Clean up day on May 20, 2017, and the cost of the post cards which will run between \$600-\$700, supported by Mead. Roll call: Rosa - Yes, Geetings - Yes, Mead - Yes, Holbrook - Yes, Purchase - Absent. 4 Yes and 1 Absent. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS - None

Public Input: *Some discussion on the 52 acres regarding the grant.

*Discussion regarding fire calls and does your home insurance cover some costs.

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ADJOURN: Motion by Geetings to Adjourn, supported by Holbrook. Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.
Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook
Recording Secretary

Shannon Purchase
Supervisor

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