

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
May 1, 2017**

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

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present by Roll Call: Mike Mead, Shannon Purchase, Mary Geetings, Beverly Holbrook. Shelley Rosa joined the meeting at 6:10.

Also Present: Frank Walterhouse, Benzie County Commissioner. Residents attending: Keith Riemersma, Lisa Riemersma, Douglas Durand, Carrie Corey, Margie Clous, Alisha Clous, Zelda Gray, Sarah Ross, Tom Gray, Frank Pelky, Sara Kopriva-Zoning Administrator, and Kit Wilson – Assessor.

AGENDA -

Motion by Geetings, support Holbrook to accept the agenda with changes. Delete Northern Auto – Class C Dealer, Delete David Schaffer Recycling Temporary Space, Add Budget Amendment Fire Equipment Account, and to move Doug Durand – Benzie Senior resources up under Public Input

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

4/3/2017 and 4/11/2017 minutes - Motion by Holbrook, support Purchase to accept the 4/3, and the 4/11 minutes as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT - None

GUEST SPEAKER – Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources - Distributed and reviewed the “Who We Are Past, Present & Future” brochure. There is a millage renewal in August for the Senior Center.

FINANCE –

Motion by Purchase to pay the General, Park and Fire Dept Bills. A review and approval for the Excavating bill from the Fire Department needs to be reviewed before payment, that bill was pulled from the pile. Support Holbrook. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS –

Need to amend the Equipment Replacement budget to include the contribution from Platte Township of 8,860 which was not included in the previous budget. Motion by Geetings to approve the amended Equipment Replacement Budget. Support Purchase. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Clerk and Treasurers Reports - Motion by Purchase to accept the Clerk and Treasurers reports as submitted. Support Mead. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

JPC – Mike Mead – Twp Representative - Approved Happy Paws moving to Inland Township on US 31.

Assessor - Kit Wilson - Thank you for allowing me to be your Twp Assessor. I will have a written report next month. Met with the Deputy Supervisor to review some Board of Review issues, there are 5 that will need to be addressed in July. We have 2 land divisions in the works, I will need to meet with the Supervisor and the Zoning Administrator on both of these. We should receive our final inspection to our office on Riverside Drive shortly, we are taking calls and in full operation. We do need the Website updated, people were having a hard time finding our number. We will have a meet and greet with Kit's Co-workers, her son and daughter.

Park Manager – Frank Walterhouse - Distributed a hand out of the number of teams that will be playing in the park this summer. Crystal Water Works turned on the sprinkler system. Moore Mechanical will be here on Friday to turn on water in the park. Water can then be scheduled for testing. Our Eagle Scout needs to finish dugout work on the bottom field.

Commissioner – Frank Walterhouse - Distributed 2017 list of Clean up Days and Special Collection throughout the county, along with the Benzie County Building Code and Safety Enforcement Jan-Feb-March Reports for 2017.

Fire Report – Tim Markey – Chief - 4 run in the month of April. Pump Testing will take place in July, Physical, will take place in June.

Zoning Administrator –Sara Kopriva - Reviewed Written Report

Motion by Purchase, support Holbrook to accept the JPC, Assessor, Park Mng, Fire, ZA, and the County Commissioner's reports. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE –

To be read during Topsy Canoe Review

ACCOUNCEMENTS –

Bid Awards - The Park mowing was awarded to Northern Outdoor Property Mng LL – Ryan Strom, and Parker's Outdoor Maintenance - Kirk Parker.

Election - May 2nd - 7am, until 8pm

Clean up Day - May 20, 2017 – Benzie County Rd Commission 8 am until 12:00 noon.

ACTION ITEMS –

Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer Signatures on Depository Accounts. – Motion by Purchase to add Deputy Clerk, Bev Holbrook and the Deputy Treasurer, Sherry Taylor to the Bank Depository on all 8 accounts (attached) so if the Clerk or Treasurer are not available

business can run as usual. Support Mead. Roll Call - Abstain – Bev Holbrook. Ayes – Geetings, Purchase, Mead, and Rosa. Motion Carried.

Purchase of Foreclosed Property for Twp - Motion by Rosa, the board is not interested in the purchase of foreclosed property. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Fire Millage Ballot Proposal Resolution - Chief Markey had the resolutions review by the Attorney. Motion by Geetings to accept the amended Resolutions 2017-01-5A - Resolution to Establish Fire Department Operation and Maintenance Millage, and Resolution 2017-02-5B Resolution to Establish a Fire Equipment Replacement Millage Resolution (Attached). Support Purchase. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Brine Approval 2017- Motion by Purchase to accept the cost for the Twp to have the roads brined \$4,646.65 + 10% Administration fee = \$5,111.32 along with the .20 miles of Old US 31 with Administration fee = \$109.45 for 2 times this summer, if the Rd Commission is doing 2 brines. Support Geetings. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

New Printer - Bid Accucomp - Motion by Purchase to purchase a recertified printer with 1 year warranty for \$1,445.00 from Accucomp computers. Accucomp will install and program the email and scanning information. We will ask about Wireless with laptops for printing.

JPC Recording Secretary - Motion by Mead to hire, by recommendation from the JPC, Gary Macchioni for the recording secretary position. Support Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Tipsy Canoe & Brew - Change in Liquor License - Correspondence from the Chamber of Commerce was read. Sarah Ross, engineer hired by Zelda Gray spoke on her behalf. The liquor license that was previously approved, needs to be updated, based on the number of people in the area. The board request that any paper filed with the DEQ, any drawing from the engineer, be forwarded to the Twp for the file. Sara Kopriva, Zoning Administrator foresees no problem with the changing of the License. Motion by Purchase to approve the Michigan Depart of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Commission application to Topsy Canoe for the serving and sale of beer and wine. Support Mead. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Blight and Junk Ordinance Complaints - Currently there are 3 complaints, the Supervisor will review the sites.

Fire Department ICHAT - Chief Markey has applied for the program, and will start working on the background checks with the Supervisor Purchase.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Carrie Corey - Why should the tax payers pay for an excavator to come to a fire? It should be billed to the home owner, they in turn can turn it into their home owners insurance.

ADJOURN: Motion by Purchase to adjourn. Support Holbrook. Adjourned at 7:30

Respectfully submitted

Mary Geetings, Clerk

Shannon Purchase, Supervisor