

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 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: Mary Geetings, Mike Mead, Shannon Purchase, Shelley Rosa and Beverly Holbrook.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add under New Business "Replace Service Truck". Rosa made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Minutes of May 1, 2017, correction on page 3 under New Printer should be wireless not fireless and under Topsy Canoe should be serving and sale not serving and sell. Rosa made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, supported by Purchase. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Billy Brew questioned why we have a convicted felon on the fire department/search and rescue. Thought all applicants were screened regarding this. Shannon contacted MTA and they said it was up to the Board and we should contact our attorney. Tim Markey needs to find the past By-Laws before 2009. It is the consensus of the Board to contact the attorney.

Consent Grouping: Pulling the Moore Mechanical bill. Discussion on cost recovery ordinance and will be reviewed. Purchase made a motion to pay all bills (Park, Fire and general fund), supported by Holbrook. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Mead – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Rosa – Yes. Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk: Written and submitted.

Treasurer: Written and submitted.

JPC: Mead reported that *Turtle Lake Campground is planning an expansion of a horse stable to secure horses. *Was a request pending from Verizon to put in another tower in Inland Twp off 669. *Was a public hearing for new zoning change of min 24 foot wide on any new construction. Will not hurt tiny houses as long as they are mobile. No one showed for the meeting nor did they have any comments sent in.

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Assessor: * Kit said their office is ready to open next week. *The correct phone number is on the Twp web and they are getting calls. *She has been in the Twp office organizing the files. She has audited all the 2016" principle records and deeds" files and made corrections. *There have been many inspections to catch up from 2016. *There was a letter from the state tax commission regarding timber cutting on 3 parcels that need to be appraised and will be remedied. *AMAR is scheduling their inspections (the state auditing entity). They have pulled 20 property record cards. They send a letter to each property owner and the property owner can refuse. This should be in July.

Rec. Park: Frank Walterhouse said there was vandalism again – kicking the doors and rock throwing through the plexi-glass in the tower. They are plugging up the toilets and Moore Mechanical was called to repair. The Board talked about putting up cameras. Need to look at the cameras we have on our building to see who is coming in late at night. The fields will be used by the schools for Track & Field Day tomorrow. Frank passed out the league team's schedule.

COMMISSIONER: Frank Walterhouse passed out a copy from the 4H annual report.

Fire Department – Tim Markey stated that the fire runs seemed low for May but since the 20th we had 16 more runs.

Zoning Administrator: Written and submitted.

Purchase made a motion to accept all reports, supported by Mead. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*New printer has been installed

*Clean up day seemed light but went well. There was 205 cubic yards of waste hauled. It cost \$11,000 plus

ACTION ITEMS

Dave Shafer Benzie County Recycling: Discussion on where to put the recycle bins. They are now in the village on the former Bud's site but because of zoning they are only there on a temporary basis through Labor Day. Looking at a spot behind the school but it is a question on who actually owns that land. Dave will look into where the property lines are. The gate will have to be moved and the fence will have to move. Dave will look into who will pay for the cost .of property improvement. We would host bins depending on inquiry outcome.

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Tree removal bids for Champion Hill Cemetery: We received 3 bids to remove a broken tree. Two have insurance. Purchase made a motion to accept Hanna Outdoor Services bid for \$400 and make sure we have a copy of their insurance policy, seconded by Geetings with the stipulation she sees the insurance certificate. Roll call: Rosa – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Mead – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Blight/Junk Ordinance complaint: Had one for a property on Deadstream road regarding a camper set up. Shannon went to introduce himself but no one has been there. He will keep trying to contact them. People can camp on their own property.

Chris from Eclipse Internet: Introduced himself and told about the company that he is bringing to our area.

Bids for cleaning twp hall and offices: After discussion and Mary stating that our present person is doing a great job a motion was made by Holbrook to extend Jeanne McPherson's Custodian contract for another year, second by Rosa. Roll call: Rosa – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Mead – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Rescue Truck Replacement: Tim Markey gave information regarding our present truck and it is not repairable. He would like to get a large pick up with a special cap on it. Discussed filing for grants. He is thinking under \$60,000 for everything needed. We have money in Operations that would cover the funds needed and in Equipment we would have a surplus this time next year. We will wait until after elections in August to make a decision and Tim will get bids from different companies for the truck, cap, and additional accessories. Tim will also plan a 5 year schedule for replacement of vehicles.

Public Input: *The Boy Scouts are finishing the dugout, there are two being made. *We need to get prices for cameras, possibly at Sam's Club. Jim Evans of Fortress Security did our cameras on the building. Shannon will contact him to see if we can tie into this system and have cameras up on the field. * Shannon asked if Kelsey Rae's Angels can have use of the ball field to have a tournament on July 8 & 9 and Sept 23 & 24. A motion was made by Geetings that Kelsey Rae's Angel's can use the ball field on these dates, second by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried. *Mike asked if there are any plans for the building at Champion Hill. If he can get it cleaned and get liner steel on the ceiling to get it sealed in so no critters can get in, we could use it to store our past records. *Frank asked if he could get new plexi-glass for the score tower. Shannon will help look into this.

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ADJOURN: Motion by Purchase to Adjourn, supported by Holbrook. Adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook
Recording Secretary

Shannon Purchase
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting July 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.