

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 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: Mike Mead, Shelley Rosa, Shannon Purchase, Mary Geetings, and Beverly Holbrook.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add under Action Items "Remove Cathy Demitroff from bank accounts", "Trustee Retreat in Frankenmuth" and Mary asked to discuss "Upkeep on the outside of Twp building". Rosa made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Minutes of June 5, 2017, correction on page 1 under Public Input it should read Billy Drew. Purchase made a motion to accept the minutes with correction, supported by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Michael Schaub of Troop 267 presented pictures of the finished dugout project he did at Ball field A. The project had a budget of \$2400 but thanks to Honor Building Supply they came in around \$1700 total. He also thanked Frank Walterhouse for his help. There were many community members helping with the project.
Public Input closed at 6:06.

Consent Grouping: Purchase made a motion to pay all bills (Park, Fire and general fund), supported by Holbrook. Roll call: Rosa – Yes. Mead – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk: Written and submitted.

Treasurer: Written and submitted.

JPC: Cancelled

Page 2
Homestead Township Regular Meeting
July 10, 2017

Assessor: * Kit ran an audit trail today and they have entered 16,466 changes to the data base which included property addresses, fees not entered, permits, and exemptions. It has been a busy 2 months. *Have done 61 inspections, 41 on new construction and 18 on sales. *Working on a sales study to know where the market is. *AMAR review is tomorrow and we have 424 questionable parcels in our data base but we have already corrected 168 of them through the audit with 24 more being corrected at the July board of review. *Many of the properties in the village have been flat valued in which shouldn't be done. There will be another 68 parcels corrected from the village. *Started reviewing the 2 year sales study.

Rec. Park: Frank Walterhouse said we're down to the last week with the kid's ball. Mary Geetings said she was at the park this last weekend and noticed that the ball fields were mowed but the rest of the park was not. Who is emptying the garbage? Shannon will contact the people we hired and make sure they understand that they are to mow the whole park. Mary also brought up the forms from the insurance company and park agreement forms that were to be turned in for use of the park this last weekend. They were not turned in. After a discussion, we will not let events take place unless we have signed forms.

COMMISSIONER: Frank Walterhouse passed out a copy from the Area Agency on Aging annual report and Networks Northwest report.

Fire Department – Tim Markey stated that the fire runs were 38 in June. *Applied for a grant for the fire vehicle to the Grand Traverse Band for \$25,000. Should be able to get a nice truck for about \$60,000. *Would like to create a "driver only" position for the fire trucks. Have some people that would like to be involved but just to drive the trucks. They would have to be licensed to drive the emergency vehicles; a one day class is involved. Need to check with insurance. Should have a job description written.

Zoning Administrator: None

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be meeting on July 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the township hall with the DEQ regarding the Topsy Canoe project.

Correspondence: *Benzonia Public Library newsletter
*Letter from road commission regarding the replacement gas pumps

ACTION ITEMS

Remove Cathy Demitroff from bank account: Purchase made the motion to remove Cathy Demitroff name from the Honor Bank accounts, supported by Geetings. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Retreat in Frankenmuth: Holbrook told what was included in the retreat which is a 2 day retreat. The cost is \$299 for the retreat and \$99 for the room. Rosa made the motion to have Bev Holbrook attend this retreat on August 5 & 6, second by Purchase. Roll call: Geetings – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Mead – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Holbrook – Abstain. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Tree in Champion Hill: Been removed and did a nice job. Watch the one next to the one taken down. It may need to be removed also.

Mowing around township hall: Mary said that the mowing and weed removal needs to be kept up. Shannon checked with the insurance company to see if his kids can do this mowing and they said yes as long as Shannon signs a paper saying he gives permission. The mower has a problem and needs to get fixed. He will call Fergusons and let them know something is wrong since we paid good money to have them fixed for the season. Talked about getting someone else to do this job. Shannon will talk to the guys that are mowing the park to see if they could mow around the building. Mike brought up the problem that two cars were parked in front of the back fire doors and they almost were towed away. There are signs. This happened at a hall rental. Mary said she will make sure to put something in the rental agreement about this. Talked about making the drive wider for the trucks to pass. Will have to find where the sewer lines are for the Lions Club.

NEW BUSINESS –

Dave Shafer Benzie County Recycling: Discussion on where to put the recycle bins. Dave brought in a map of the township hall area. The site behind the school will not be an option since it is owned by the school. Talked about the side township property but would need curb cuts for an entrance. Possible use in the back corner of that property by the Lions Club. Dave will talk to Doug Durkee regarding the sewer lines at the Lion's club and see how we might be able to widen the drive and utilize the back of the lot for the bins.

Page 4
Homestead Township Regular Meeting
July 10, 2017

Blight/Junk Ordinance complaint: Had one but it is taken care of.

Coho Festival: Nathan Lane passed out all the flyers for the events. Trying to figure out how to do fireworks.

Public Input: Billy Drew asked if anything has been done regarding his complaint. Shannon said he was still looking into the matter.

ADJOURN: Motion by Purchase to Adjourn. Adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook
Recording Secretary

Shannon Purchase
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting August 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.