

HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP

APPROVED 10/2/17

REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 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: Mike Mead, Shelley Rosa, Shannon Purchase, and Beverly Holbrook. Mary Geetings – Absent Excused

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Rosa made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Minutes:** Rosa made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2017, second by Purchase. All Ayes. Motion carried. Rosa made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2017, Special Meeting, second by Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Bob Rosa withdrew his original bid for the park road repair and did not rebid.

Public Input closed at 6:03.

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

**Clerk:** Written and submitted.

**Treasurer:** Written and submitted.

Purchase made a motion to accept the Clerk & Treasurer reports, second by Holbrook. All Ayes, Motion carried.

**JPC:** Cancelled

**Assessor:** Kit said we did get our AMAR letter and there were many items that needed to be answered and she has done this. Right now we are in good shape. There are a few appeals coming and will be reviewed. There are land divisions being worked on and building permits being looked at. Several personal property items being looked into.

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**Rec. Park:** Frank Walterhouse said there was a big crowd for the COHO Festival and a good tournament. Kelsey Rae's will be a one day event with about 7 or 8 teams.

**COMMISSIONER:** Frank Walterhouse passed out a copy of information from the National Association of Counties. All the millage's passed in the election last month.

**Fire Department** – Tim Markey stated that the fire runs were even compared to last year. \*The fire department was at the COHO festival for the fireworks. \* We have also held the hose inspections. \* Talked about the new truck to replace the old rescue. Tim will contact MTA to see what the direction is to sell the old rescue. Tim said that he has someone that wants the truck and will barter After discussion on how to dispose of the old rescue, a motion to sell the truck after MTA is asked direction if it has to be put online for auction or if it can just be sold, was made by Purchase, Rosa second. All Ayes. Motion carried. \*Markey also stated that there is an issue with the pump truck frame but may last for another 5 years. He is going to work on a FEMA grant to replace that truck. \* The 4 x 4 also broke down but will be back soon. \* After much discussion regarding the replacement truck for the rescue, it was stated that the board already gave approval to buy a new vehicle as long as it is within the budget.

**Zoning Administrator:** Written report

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Grant Writer: Table

Electrical in garage in the park: Holbrook made a motion to have Shannon install two lights in the garage, second by Rosa. All Ayes. Motion carried

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**ACTION ITEMS:** Bids for paving the road in park: The only bid we have now is from Bob Kerby for \$6675. Rosa made the motion to hire Kerby to do this work per bid, second by Purchase. Roll call: Mead – Yes, Rosa – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Holbrook – Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried. Paving will be done in October.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**Tom Gray Class R license:** No action, he was not in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Dave Shafer Benzie County Recycling:** Dave brought in a drawing and the entrance to the bins will be from the fire driveway. This will be a gravel drive. MDOT would let us use 31 for a year but then would need a curb cut which is expensive. American Waste thought it would not work bringing large trucks in directly off 31 because of the slope. Discussed where to push the snow and also have Dave hire whoever the township does to push the snow. There was some discussion about the asphalt on the entrance drive needing repair. Talked about infrared repair. Have bid from A-1 for paving in park so might be able to have them just continue the front of the building drive. Bob Rosa said if someone would cut it, he would haul it away for \$500. Talked about the drain in the grass which is the village sewer drain. Holbrook made a motion that Purchase will find out how much asphalt will be for the front drive and we will spend no more than \$5000 and we will pay Bob Rosa \$500 to haul the old asphalt away if Purchase can get the saw to cut it out, second by Purchase. Roll call: Mead – Yes, Purchase – Yes, Rosa – Abstain, Holbrook – Yes. Motion carried. Dave said if MDOT says we have to do additional work for the entrance, he will try to find funds to help since it will be used by them and the township.

We have a copy of a lease agreement that they use around the county for recycle. Dave will have the snow plowing paragraph removed to state the county will be responsible for snow removal. We will show the additional work to our snow bidders to bid for the county portion. Holbrook made a motion to accept the lease agreement with the change that Benzie County will take care of the snow plowing on the drawing that we have been given, second by Purchase. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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**Blight/Junk Ordinance complaint:** None

**Public Input:** Jeffie Jones thanked the board for letting the Lions Club use the hall for their pancake breakfast at the COHO festival. It was very successful.

**Cameras:** Have an email from the guy that installed the cameras on the building, only one is working and should be four. It would be \$100 per camera installed, \$600 for 2 cameras at the ball field with DVR's. These could also run through a phone system if we have wires available. Rosa made a motion to have cameras installed per the email, second by Purchase. Roll call: Mead - Yes, Purchase - Yes, Rosa - Yes, Holbrook - Yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Purchase to Adjourn. Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Beverly J. Holbrook  
Recording Secretary

Shannon Purchase  
Supervisor

Next monthly meeting October 2, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.