

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
November 6, 2017**

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

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present by Roll Call: Shannon Purchase, Mike Mead, Mary Geetings, and Beverly Holbrook. Shelley Rosa absent.

AGENDA - Motion by Geetings to accept the agenda as presented. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MINUTES - October 2, 2017 - Motion by Purchase to accept the minutes as presented. Support Mead. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT - Keith Riemersma –A noise ordinance is difficult to enforce. Township's have put into place a reasonable person with reasonable judgment to enforce the noise ordinance in place of a meter. An irritating noise may not register on a noise meter, but can be irritant to people living by it.

FINANCE - Motion by Purchase to pay the General, Park and Fire Dept Bills. Support Holbrook. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS - Clerk and Treasurer – Because of the illness of the Treasurer, the Clerk and Treasurer do not have reports for the month of October. The Clerk will work with the Deputy Clerk to have reports by next month.

JPC - Mike Mead reported that the JPC approved the Land Division at Narrow Gauge and Marshall, it will now come to the Twp Board for approval.

Assessor - Things are coming along great. We currently are working on 2 Land Divisions. Winter Billing has changed, I feel for the best, I will work with Sherry on that tomorrow. I am doing a continuing Ed Class regarding Amar and the State Audits. We will need to have Policies and Procedures in place for Tax Exempt - I will get this in order, and hopefully present it next month to the board. It needs to be approved by Resolution. December 12 is Board of Review - all affidavits will be in the mail before Thanksgiving in preparation for that.

Park - The paving at the Park is being done today. We will need to look into either graveling along the blacktop, or seeding. This may need to be done before spring to prevent rain washouts. Shannon to review.

Fire Department - The new asphalt in front of the fire station is great – thank you. We have been busy. When I ran my report we had 220 runs, we now are up to 252 runs. The new truck is ordered, we currently are working on graphics designs for the side of it. We are hoping for deliver in January. Grant for County Wide Radios will take 7 to 8 months. We are researching a grant to replace the large engine truck in the garage. We are hoping to get 2 more years out of this vehicle, before we have to replace it. Mack Truck will be gone by next week Wednesday. Benzie Count EMS received \$15,000 for training officer classes. Our newest fireman is taking his training classes in Manistee.

County Commissioner – Frank Walterhouse - Hand outs included: Benzie County Building Code And Safety Enforcement for July-August-and September 2017, as well as a news letter from Friends of Point Betsie.

Motion by Purchase to accept the JPC, Assessor, Park, Fire, Zoning and County Reports as presented. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ACTION ITEMS - Zelda Gray – Broker License - Motion by Holbrook to approve a Class D Broker License to Northern Auto. Support Purchase. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Snow Loader Removal - Motion by Holbrook to grant the Snow loader bid to AJ's Excavating (the only bid that was submitted). Support Purchase. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Benzie County Sheriff's Snowmobile Safety Program Donation - Motion by Purchase to donate the same as 2016. Support Mike Mead. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (\$500.00)

BLIGHT/JUNK Ordinance Complaints - The board members will review Gordon Plowman neighbors property for blight / junk on Peckens Road. A letter will then be drafted to Gordon regarding this continuing complaint.

OLD BUSINESS - Noise Ordinance / Mass Gathering and Zoning - Karen Mallon did extensive research into our Mass Gathering Ordinance, and presented an example ordinance along with a Mass Gathering Permit Application.

Each board member is asked to review our Zoning Ordinance and the hand outs before our next meeting. We may need to spend time with our Zoning Administrator for Question and Answers, and we may need to research a Zoning Enforcement officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Karen Mallon - I would suggest not to use Township equipment to hang area residence or businesses Christmas lights. Liability.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Purchase to Adjourn. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectively Submitted

Mary Geetings
Homestead Twp Clerk

Shannon Purchase
Twp Supervisor