

HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
December 4, 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 with additions to include Brad Schaub from the Benzie County Road Commission. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MINUTES - November 6th, 2017 - Motion by Holbrook to accept the minutes with correction. Fire runs on 2nd page – “ 220 runs, and now we are at 252 runs”. Support Purchase with corrections. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Benzie County Road Commission - Brad Schaub –The Road Commission will have their annual meeting regarding Road Improvements for 2018 on December 19. Brad presented 2 estimates out of 3, hoping the board could make a decision on what roads we will be fixing the summer of 2018. The estimates that were presented were Valley Rd Drainage Project - Replacing Existing Cross Culvert , and Zimmerman Rd Paving. Brad will email Shannon the 3rd Estimate for the Culvert on Weldon Rd. This will be placed on next month’s agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT - Keith Riemersma – spoke with Fire Chief Markey regarding the fire in Manton where butane was use.

FINANCE - Motion by Holbrook to pay the Fire and General Fund Bills. Support Mead. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS - Clerk and Treasurer – The months of September, October, and November are all in balance. Motion by Purchase to accept the Clerk’s reports as submitted. There was not a Treasurer’s report. Support Mead. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

JPC – Mike Mead - No Meeting for November.

Assessor – Kit Wilson - We will finish with Tribunals this Friday. December Board of Review is December 12, 6:00 pm. We will be busy, the notices have all gone out to the property owners. People are informed. Sara, Shannon and I have completed 1 Land Division tonight, and one is pending. The state has handed down the tax increase, next year will be 2.1% increase. There are 27 final inspections to do. Also working on Policy and Procedures, that will need to involve Legal Council.

Fire Department - Tim Markey - Medical runs were slow - 2 Structure fires. 3 document were sent to each board member thru their emails, that Tim would like to discuss next month. Ordinance 17-1 #1, Mitigation Rates, and Mutual Aid Agreement Reimbursement and FEMA.

Tim suggested movements within his Operating Budget :

Move \$5,100 out of Other Acct to vehicles repairs.

Move \$500 out of Supplies to Misc. Acct.

Motion by Geetings to make the changes to the Fire Dept Account. Support Purchase. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Zoning Administrator - Sara Kopriva - Report submitted

Commissioner – Frank Walterhouse - Frank distributed the Board of Commissioners Agenda for December 5th meeting - it will be a long one. He also handed out the Networks Northwest Michigan Ass of Land Banks, and the Penal Fines for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Motion by Purchase, support Mead to accept all Reports as written or presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence - Thank you note from Shelley Rosa

Announcement – Discussions - Board of review December 12,th 6:00 pm.

Action Items – Rezoning Request Narrow Gauge And Marshall Rd. - Motion by Mike Mead to adopt the Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 07-020-005-00 to Rural Residential from Forest Residential. Support Purchase. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Benzie Bus - Bill Kennis - Presented Benzie Buses 2017 Annual Report.

Blight and Junk Ordinance Complaints - Suggested by Sara to have Mr. Plowman fill out a complaint form each time he comes in, she will review them.

OLD BUSINESS –

Noise Ordinance - The board was given a lot of information last month to review. They will continue to review it, and discuss more next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Karen Mallon asked Tim Markey if the Reimbursement thru FEMA was what Frank Post was presenting.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Purchase to adjourn at 7:18 - Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Respectively Submitted

Mary Geetings
Homestead Twp Clerk

Shannon Purchase
Twp Supervisor