

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 3, 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, Beverly Holbrook, and Shelley Rosa.

AGENDA - Motion by Rosa to accept the agenda with addition. Voting Equipment, American Waste, and Coho Festival. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MINUTES - March 6, 2017 - Motion by Geetings to accept the March 6, 2017 Minutes as presented. Support Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes – February 27, 2017 – Budget Hearing Minutes, and the Special Park and Rec Minutes. Motion by Rosa, to accept the minutes as presented. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT -

David Shaffer - Benzie County Recycling Coordinator, distributed his annual report to the board. The report will be available at the Twp Hall. The recycling bins, currently located at the Road Commission, will need to be relocated, they are doing some renovation on the Road Commission Property. We are in need of a temporary, and then a permanent location. New brochures are available at the Twp hall for all the future pick up dates.

FINANCE BILLS - Motion by Rosa to pay the General, Fire, and Park Bills. Support Mike Mead. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS –The **Clerk** reviewed the end of the year budget report. We were not overdrawn on any accounts, but did fall short on some sub accounts. Overall a good year.

Treasurer has reported she has collected. \$1,688,929.99 in Taxes.

Commissioner – Frank Walterhouse – Animal Control will be going for 1 mill on the August Election – He also distributed the Alliance Newsletter.

Park - Frank Walterhouse - Kasson land fill has submitted a quote for diamond dust for \$870.00. This will cover 3 fields up at the Park. An excavator will need to be hired to move the dust. This will need to be completed by May 12th, first event at the park is May 20th. Shannon will call excavators to get a bid to spread the dust, within this time frame.

Fire - Chief Markey - 25 runs for the Month of March. Pancake breakfast, enrollment was down, but money was up.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR - Report on File

Motion by Rosa to accept the Clerk, Treasurer, Zoning, Commissioner, Park and Fire Reports. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried

CLEAN UP DAY - May 20, 2017 - Benzie County Road Commission - 8 am until 12:00 noon . Contract will be signed.

2017 - 2018 BUDGET RESOLUTION - Motion by Rosa to adopt Resolution 17-4-3A. 2017 – 2018 Budget. Support Purchase. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ASSESSOR - Position / Contract. - The position, a 1 year contract, as recommended by the interview committee – Purchase, Rosa and Sara Kopriva, has been offered to Accessing Service Inc., Kit Wilson from Riverside Drive in Honor. Motion by Purchase to hire Kit Wilson as the Homestead Twp Assessor for a 1 year contract. Support Rosa. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ELECTION MAY 2, 2017 - Election Committee members will meet on April 11, to finalize election chair and inspectors. Preliminary testing on the voting machine will take place also on the 11th. Public Accuracy testing will be April 18, at 3pm Homestead Twp Hall. Resolution #17-4-3B for new voting equipment - Motion by Geetings to approve the County's Clerks along with the Township Clerk's recommendation to hire Dominion Voting for the new voting equipment. The expenses for the first 5 years of the contract are covered by the State of Michigan. Years 6 thru 11 are the expense of the Township of \$625 dollars per year. Support Holbrook. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PARK AND REC BIDS - 3 bids were opened, reviewed, and tabled for further clarification.

STATE OF COMMISSION AUDIT 2017 – AMAR – This was notification that our unit has been selected to be reviewed as part of the 2017 Audit. Our Assessor will need to send TMA, a backup of the archived 2018 BS&A assessment database.

COHO FESTIVAL - Motion by Rosa to allow the Coho Festival use of the Park for the May 20th softball tournament fundraiser. Support Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Holbrook to allow the Coho Festival the use of the Park for the Coho Festival, August 25, 26, and the 27. Support Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2017 – 2018 WATER TESTING PARK - We have not received notification for the water testing for the park from the Health Department at this point.

NORTHERN AUTO - Municipality Approval Class C License - Used Vehicle Parts Dealer - This information was not placed in the board's packets. Motion by Rosa to table for more information. Support Shannon. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPT UPDATE EMPLOYMENT FILES - Being worked on.

PUBLIC INPUT - Karen Mallon - would it be possible for the board to review the Park bids on April 11 when the Election Committee members meet?

Zelda Gray - Why didn't the board do their research on my form? Why wasn't this given to the board, Mary?

ADJOURNED - 7:15

REGROUPED - 7:20

Motion by Holbrook to approve the RESOLUTION # 17-4-3D TO ESTABLISH A FIRE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT MILLAGE - One half (.5) mill. Support Purchase. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Purchase to approve RESOLUTION # 17-4-3C TO ESTABLISH FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MILLAGE - One (1) mill. Support Rosa. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Motion by Holbrook to **Adjourn** at 7:24 - Support Rosa. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectively Submitted

Mary Geetings
Homestead Twp Clerk

Shannon Purchase
Twp Supervisor