

**HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
October 2, 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. Special Meeting Minutes from September 29, 2017. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MINUTES - September 5, 2017 - Motion by Rosa to accept the September minutes as presented. Support Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Holbrook to accept the Special meeting minutes from September 29, 2017. Support Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT -

Karen Kamp - I live behind St. Ambrose. I can't take the noise anymore. There has been way too much this summer. I don't mind the Mead business, but the parties and the Base music is terrible. I cannot sit outside my home. I sit inside my house in the summer with the windows closed, a fan running and the TV going, and all I hear is the base. It is loud. Where are my rights. I want something done about this. I am on call with my job, and I need to get up early. These parties go on until midnight, and then they have to play one more, then 2 more songs. There is venue, after venue. I am glad he is giving the public jobs, I have lived thru the bees, but I am tired of dealing with it. I saw a sign for camping. He is now allowing people to camp on his property so they don't have to drive home. Can he do that? Aren't there rules, he has to follow? I do not enjoy my summer. I want my privacy and I want to enjoy my property.

Tim – Fire Truck - I spoke with MTA. No law requires us to put the truck out for bids, if we receive market value, unless the Twp Board has a law in effect that says we must do so. The man interested collects old trucks, he is willing to barter the hose testing for the cost of the truck. Value of the truck at most is \$2,200. Hose testing for 2 years, is close to \$5,000 dollars. I would like to take the Waterway bill out of the folder, and start this process if the board approves. (This man's bill for hose testing is Waterway).

Zelda Gray - Would like to be placed on the agenda next month, regarding a class D broker license. Information was sent to the Board on Monday, 10/2, the day of the meeting.

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

CONSENT BILLS - The Clerk and Treasurer are off \$6.00 dollars, it has to do with the Federal Tax Payment. This will be corrected by next month. Motion by Purchase, support Holbrook to accept the Clerk and Treasurer's report as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

JPC - Cancelled.

Mike Mead reported on the training he went to thru MTA regarding Fire Departments. The training was very interesting, glad he attended.

ASSESSOR - Everything is going good. We have 3 tribunal cases on December 8th we are prepared for. We are meeting once a month for Land Division, and we have been getting out at least once a week doing inspections.

PARK MANAGER - COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Frank distributed 3 hand outs - 2017 Events with the Benzie Conservation District, 2017 Tax Rate Request, and the 2017 October County Calendar.

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FIRE REPORT - There were 9 additional runs after I put the report out for the month of September. Dispatch radios will probably not take place until next year. It is a long costly process. Looking into a FEMA grant to help with the cost. About 5% would come from the municipalities. Myself, Craig and Jeremy attended the Memorial Conference in Roscommon.

ZONING - Sara Kapriva - handed out her Zoning report. She informed everyone on the two bills, regarding Short Term Rentals. One bill is in the house, and one in the Senate. She attended a conference last week regarding this. Very interesting, and it will be interesting to see what the outcome will be.

Motion by Purchase to accept the Assessor, Park, Fire, Zoning and County Commissioner reports. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - Letter regarding County Central 911 – Dispatch

ANNOUNCEMENTS DISCUSSIONS - Grant Writer - Shannon will check with Inland Township on how they went about finding a Grant Writer.

ACTION ITEMS - Snow Plowing Bids - 2 bids were open. Motion by Geetings, supported by Holbrook to hire AJ's Excavating for the 2017 – 2018 season to snow plow and shovel. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Truth and Taxation - Motion by Rosa to approve the 2017 tax request. (attached) Support Purchase. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Noise Ordinance - Blight / Junk Ordinance - The board has committed to researching this in greater lengths. It will be discussed at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNED - Motion by Purchase to Adjourn. Support Holbrook. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06.

Respectively Submitted

Mary Geetings
Homestead Twp Clerk

Shannon Purchase
Twp Supervisor