A regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Supervisor John Hancock.

The entire audience participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present by Roll Call: Mary Geetings, Karen Mallon, Jen Kolinske, John Hancock, and Mike Mead.

Supervisor, John Hancock recognized Board Trustee, Mike Mead for his 50 year of service on the Homestead Township Fire Dept. Thank you Mike for your true dedication, and 50 years of service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by John to move the Fire Dept Report to the top of reports, to add Tree Bids, and the Benzie County Conservation District, Jane Perrino under New Business. Motion by Hancock to approve the agenda with changes. Support Kolinske. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Corrections to the minutes included, clerical and spelling errors: through, April 4th, SEVA, possibly, and hire. Motion by Hancock to accept the April 1st minutes, with corrections. Support Mallon. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

FINANCE – Pay Bills - Motion by Geetings to pay the Park and Rec, General Fund, and Fire Dept bills. Support Mallon. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

REPORTS
FIRE DEPT – Tim Markey – Chief – In the month of April we had 2 structure fires and a car accident in one weekend. The public needs to contact the DNR web site for burn permits. SCVA’s are all in order. We were able to take part in the mock extraction with East Bay Auto. Discussion on the replacement of the fire truck will take place next month.

CLERK - The Treasurer and I have balanced.

TREASURER - My reports outline each account showing that we balance. The JPC Account which contains $600.00 has been inactive for over two years. The Honor State Bank has charged us a $5.00 service fee for the inactivity. I make a motion to close the JPC account and place the money back into the General Fund. Support Geetings. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Payroll Fire Dept. – It is a federal mandated law that the township should have records/timecards for each employee. Karen has drawn up a time card for the firemen to use; it is for two weeks at a time. John discussed the time cards with Tim, who wants to comply with the law. This will go into effect immediately.

JPC - The meeting for April was cancelled. The May meeting is at 6 pm, May 20th at Inland.

ASSESSOR – Gunner Brow - Gunner handed out and reviewed a sales study he did, and his goals for 2019.
Karen asked if she or someone here at the hall could be notified about a PRE, so Shelley’s files can be checked. Gunner agreed to check with Karen.

AMAR Audit for 2019 was sent into the state. This should be sufficient.

Goal is to focus on the Village of Honor.

Next Board of Review is July; this is to check for clerical errors. Gunner will be present to guide the workers.

He will check into training for the Board of Review members.

**COMMISSIONER – Sherry Taylor** - Senior Resource will not be pursuing Platte River School.

EMS is using Benzie Bus for their repairs. Geoff Miller is the resource officer for the Benzie County Schools. I will work on changing the charges that are being placed thru 911. Every phone in your home is charged $3.00 for 911 services.

The Pavilion at the Medical Care Facility is coming along great. There is a blood drive at Inland Twp on May 17, along with propane tank refill.

**DISCUSSION**

**PARK MAINTENANCE** – A background check was completed on the current Park Maintenance Person. A motion made by Hancock, to rescind the motion from the April meeting of hiring Top Notch Maintenance. Support Kolinske. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Parker’s Outdoor Maintenance and Northern Outdoors Property Management would like to still take on the position to mow and trim the Homestead Twp Park. They will be willing to collect the garbage and clean the bathroom for the same price that was submitted in April at $5,500 per company, but they would not be able to maintain the field prior to the games. A motion was made by Mallon to hire Parker’s Outdoor Maintenance, and Northern Outdoor Property to mow, and trim at the Homestead Twp Park. They will collect garbage and clean the bathrooms, until a replacement can be found. Support Hancock. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Lease School Property** – John is working with the Superintendent of Benzie Central School about the leased property in the park. The school board has approved the township taking over the property. There will be more to come.

**NEW BUSINESS - Noise Ordinance Officer - Ordinance** 19-6-05 was presented to the board. Correction in section III duties to include “enforce all Noise Ordinances “. Motion by Hancock to adopt Ordinance 19-6-05 with correction. Support Mallon. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

John Brazaski is willing to take on the position as the Noise Ordinance Officer. He has suggested pay at twenty dollars ($20.00) per complaint, with a cap of two hundred dollars ($200.00) per month. He will attend court hearing as needed for twenty dollars a visit. He is a 48 year veteran of the police department. He currently is a seasonal officer in Benzie County. He will sit down with the Benzie County Sheriff to discuss his role for Homestead Township. He is willing to enforce the noise ordinance. He will need identification for when he goes out on a call.

Motion was made by Hancock to contract with John Brazaski as the Homestead Township Noise Officer for twenty dollars per call ($20.00), with a cap of two hundred dollars per month ($200.00). Support Mallon. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**ASPHALT BIDS** – Three bids were submitted for the asphalt around the fire station. They were Team Elmer’s, Molon Construction and Ron Brown and Sons. Motion by Kolinske to accept Team Elmer’s bid for, twenty nine thousand, nine hundred and seventy five dollars ($29,975.00). Support Hancock. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
FLAG POLE - Bay Supply of Traverse City will deliver and install a new flag pole at Champion Hill Cemetery, take away the old one, and re-rope the flag pole at Homestead Cemetery and the Twp Park.  
Motion by Hancock to hire Bay Supply at the cost of $820.00 to deliver, install, and re-rope 2 poles.  Support Kolinske.  Roll Call.  All Ayes.  Motion Carried.

ROAD BRINE - Motion by Geetings to brine two times per year, at the township’s cost of five thousand, three hundred and sixty eight dollars and seventeen cents ($5,368.17), this is to include (Old US 31) at the cost of one hundred and fourteen dollars and ninety five cents. ($114.95).  Support Mallon.  Roll Call.  All Ayes.  Motion Carried.

BENZIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Jane Perrino representative from the Benzie Conservation District educated those present on the Aquatic Invasive Species Program, and ask for a three year financial support of five hundred dollars ($500.00) per year from Homestead Twp to help keep their programs running.  Motion was made by Mead to enter into an agreement with the Benzie Conservation District for five hundred dollars ($500.00) per year for the next three years.  Support Mallon.  Roll Call.  Mallon – Yes, Geetings – Yes, Hancock – No, Mead – Yes, and Kolinske– Yes.  Motion Carried.

TREE REMOVAL - There is a large pine tree in Champion Hill Cemetery that needs to come down.  There were three bids presented.  A-1 Professional Tree Service,  Tight Area Tree Removal, and Advanced Tree Removal.  Motion by Mallon to hired A-1 Tree Service to take down the large pine in Champion Hill Cemetery, and trim the two maples on US 31 next to the Recycling bins for a total of two thousand ($2,000) dollars.  Support Kolinske.  Roll Call.  All Ayes.  Motion Carried.

MARIHUANA OPT-OUT ORDINANCE – Motion by Hancock to adopt Ordinance No.  19-6-05a with changes, Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishment Ordinance.  Support Mallon.  All Ayes.  Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS –
COHO FESTIVAL COMMITTEE – The Coho Festival will run from Sept 6 thru Sept 8th.  The Committee members brought site plans, a completed Special Events Application, and the Township Park Usage Licensed Agreement.  Motion by Geetings to allow the Coho Festival the use of the Township Park from Sept 6 thru Sept 8, 2019.  Support Kolinske.  Roll Call.  All Ayes.  Motion Carried.

PAY SCALE – The treasurer does not want to increase the wages of her deputy.  There is a cap of 2,500 dollars for both the Deputy Treasurer, and the Deputy Clerk.  In the event Karen cannot be here on Tax Collecting Days, she would like to give her Deputy a Stipend for the day, verses the hourly wage currently in place.  She will present to the board at the next meeting what the dollar value will be.

Wage increases should be presented at budget time.

PUBLIC INPUT -
Kit Wilson - The Noise Ordinance Officer should also have a car logo on the side of his car as well as an identification card.  The Fire Department needs to ear mark their budget; I can help if they would like me to.  Michigan Assessing Services will look into education for the Board of Review members.

Adjourn -  9:10
Respectively Submitted

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Mary Geetings - Clerk

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John Hancock - Supervisor