

Homestead Township

Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

June 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:01pm by Supervisor Tia Kurina-Cooley.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL: Mike Mead, Tia Kurina-Cooley, Pat Delorme, Shannon Purchase, Karen Mallon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Cooley to approve agenda with deletion of Brining Discussion. Support: Purchase. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Cooley to approve the May 10, 2023, Regular Board meeting minutes. Support: Delorme. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rod Moore of Covey Road appeared before the Board requesting assistance in working with the Road Commission to make proper repairs to Covey Road. Supervisor will contact the Road Commission to get an estimate of the costs for repairs.

CORRESPONDENCE: F65 Audit request for documents has been received.

REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator: None

Planning Commission: Master Plan discussion continues. Next meeting June 19, 2023.

Assessor: Written and Submitted. July Board of review meeting is coming up. Notice out by July 4, 2023. May was uneventful. It is still too early for Sales Studies and MAPS reports. There have been 56 arm length sales. 46 open permits from 2021-2022.

Parks:

Township Park – Well is fixed. Bathroom continues to be vandalized. Port-a-Johns in place while bathroom locked down. Kids games are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The John Deere tractor broke down. Will get estimate on cost to repair. Purchase using personal equipment to make repairs on “runout”. Ballfields are in good shape.

Platte River Park –Kayak Launch is close to being started. Culverts are on backorder. Pit Toilets are in but locked. Considering place signs “open dawn to dusk” and other signs regarding ticks, poison ivy, no vehicles, no drones, dangerous water, no lifeguard on duty.

Entrance off US31 is coming in at a higher cost than expected - \$600,000.00 - \$700,000.00. \$1,000,000.00 will need to be raised for the next phase.

County Commissioner: Markey advises that a new dispatch center will be built and cost about \$1,800,000.00. A Sparks Grant was awarded to the Friends of the Bestie Trail in the amount of \$400,000.00 to pave the path from Beulah to Case Road.

The 2021-2022 audit has been approved. The Sheriff's Office has a full body scanner that is being utilized in the jail. Cherry Capital has been awarded a Robin Grant to go towards broadband expansion in the county. \$1.5 million is being given by the county, \$3.5 million by Cherry Capital and \$5.0 million from the Robin Grant – this must be used for unserved or underserved residents. The Village of Honor has entered into a contract with the Sheriff's Office for road patrol services along the village stretch of US31.

Fire Department: Written report received. Physicals have been done. Warranty work on the engines is scheduled. Markey would like to promote Matt Johnson to Lieutenant so that he can assume command when the two other officers are not on a fire scene. Motion by Cooley to promote Matt Johnson to Lieutenant. Support: Purchase. Roll call: Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes; Delorme - yes; Purchase – yes. Motion carried. Effective date of promotion will be June 21, 2023.

Markey thanks Mead for service as MFR on the fire department. His last day as MFR was May 31, 2023.

Treasurer: Written and submitted.

Clerk: Written and submitted. BS&A transition not as smooth as anticipated. Budget entry system errors. Clerk requested that Holbrook assist in Clerk's Office with BS&A.

Motion by Cooley to accept reports as presented. Support: Purchase. All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

FINANCE:

Motion by Cooley to approve APs for GF, FD and P&R with additional invoices as presented. Support: Delorme. Roll Call: Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes; Purchase – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment requested by the Supervisor for Assessor line item. \$1,925.00 under professional services. Amendment under Public Works for \$20,000.00 for brining expenses in the amount of \$1,907.00.

Motion by Cooley to amend Public Works budget for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Road Improvement work. Support Delorme. Roll call: Delorme – yes; Purchase – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes. Motion carried. Cooley to prepare paperwork for budget adjustments and present to clerk for entry.

NEW/OLD BUSINES:

Pickle Ball Court Presentation: Peggy Pearson presented information regarding the rise in popularity of the sport of pickle ball. Working on donated funds for a court in the Honor area. Looking for outdoor space.

Sewer Expansion: Dollar General is looking at property East of JoMo's and is requesting sewer expansion. Initial discussion.

Security Cameras: TSK has quoted \$8,799.00 for an upgraded security system. Township Park continues to be vandalized.

Motion by Cooley to allow \$500.00 to install a new camera system at the Hall. Support: Mead. Roll call: Delorme – yes; Purchase – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes. Motion carried.

Park Well – Repairs completed. Discussion regarding moving the well and that the fire department is in need of a well. Discussion will continue.

Purchase to have septic pumped.

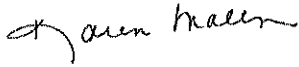
PUBLIC COMMENT:

CoHo Festival will be held August 25-27, 2023. Request to use the park. Motion by Cooley to allow CoHo to use the park August 25-27, 2023. Support: Mallon. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cooley to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 8:49pm. Support: Mallon. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the June 14, 2023, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Homestead Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 19th day of June 2023.

Respectfully Submitted:



_____, Karen Mallon, Clerk

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