

Homestead Township Regular Board Meeting May 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Tia Kurina-Cooley.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Cooley to approve agenda. Support: Delorme. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Cooley to approve the April 12, 2023, Regular Board meeting. Support: Mead. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator: No report, not present.

Assessor: No report, not present. December Board of Review meeting will be December 16, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Parks: Platte River Park – Phase 4 projects underway.

Homestead Township Park – Written and submitted.

Planning Commission: Mead reported that the PC met on April 17, 2023 – Commission discussed Master Plan and reviewed draft. Next meeting scheduled for May 15, 2023.

County Commissioner: County Road millage language adopted for November election. Audit presentation was presented for year ending September 30, 2022. Discussion regarding Opioid Funds to be used for Drug Court program. Sheriff's Office will have Road Patrol Summer contracts with Lake Township, the Village of Beulah, and Crystal Beach Cottage Association.

Fire Department: Written and submitted.

Treasurer: Written and submitted.

Clerk: Written and submitted.

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

FINANCE: Motion by Cooley to approve APs with additions to General Fund and Fire Department. Support: Mallon. Roll Call: Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - None

NEW/OLD BUSINES:

Road Projects: Motion by Cooley to approve brining projects for Summer 2023 including Old US 31 totaling 18.56 miles. Support Mead. Roll Call: Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes. Motion passed.

Cemetery: Cost Changes & Plot Request: Discussion held regarding plot purchases to non-residents and non-property owners. Clerk advised Board of the lack of available plots and future plots will require extensive adjustments to the property at Homestead Cemetery. Champion Hill lacks available land due to contour and valley within the cemetery. Clerk reminded Board that there is no perpetual care for cemeteries and all costs for maintenance and care comes from tax payer dollars. Thus, Non-residents and Non-property owner would never contribute to the maintenance and care of the cemeteries.

Clerk advised Board that significant effort has been made to accommodate the non-resident that is requesting to purchase plots, including family member sign off on rights to plots owned and not used by first blood relatives.

Mead states that Board needs to adhere to the Cemetery Ordinance.

No decision made regarding cost increases on cemetery plot purchases.

Park Restroom – Repairs and Camera: Vandals have damaged park restrooms windows. Discussion regarding surveillance cameras.

Upcoming Projects – Park and Building: Platte River Park – Phase 4 is staged. Pit toilets, boat launch, pavilion and fishing piers.

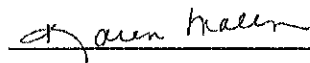
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Reminder that Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 20, 2023 from 8am – 12pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Cooley to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 8:4 pm. Support: Mead. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the May 10, 2023, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Homestead Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this 15th day of May, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted:

 Karen Mallon, Clerk