

2026 Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Homestead Township Board

April 8, 2026

Call to Order: Supervisor Cooley called to order @ 6:00 pm

Pledge: Recited

Roll Call: Clerk: Kit Wilson, Present, Supervisor: Tia Cooley, Present, Treasurer: Bev Holbrook, Present, Trustee: Mike Mead, Present, Trustee: Shannon Purchase, Present

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion made to approve agenda as amended.

Moved by: Cooley

Supported by: Purchase

All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion made to accept as presented.

Moved by: Cooley

Supported by: Holbrook

All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried

Presentations:

Rebecca Huber from Emergency Management did not attend, materials previously received were submitted to Board.

Katie Zeits from Benzie County presented material on the proposed millage that will be on the August ballot regarding Benzie County and all Townships within. She responded to the Boards questions and agreed to provide additional information to the Supervisor and Treasurer.

Rob Scott from Benzie Bus handed out materials and spoke to plans for expended services.

Public Comment: (Individuals – 3 mins Groups – 15 mins) None offered.

Reports:

Assessing(Gunnar Brow): Written report was provided with attachments

Zoning(Marv Radtke): V/W No report was made or submitted

Parks(Shannon Purchase): Verbal report stating that water has not been turned on yet, the concession stand needs to be painted and he will begin monitoring the bathrooms at the Platte River Park on May 1.

Motion made by Cooley and supported by Holbrook to allow the purchase of paint, not to exceed \$100. Roll Call: Cooley, yes; Holbrook, yes; Mead, yes; Purchase, yes; Wilson, yes. All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

(Mead) reported that a work day would be held on June 27 to groom the blueberry patch at the Platte River Park.

Planning Commission (Mike Mead): Verbal. Meeting was cancelled.

County Commissioner (Tim Markey): Both verbal & written reports: County approved a 2% Tribal grant for Benzie Youth Strings. They are continuing to digitize documents, focusing on the Building Department at this time. Maples Operations ballot language was approved for August election.

Fire Dept(Tim Markey): Both verbal & written, incident report and statement about a successful rescue, purchase of gas monitors and reminder of the May 1 & May 31 pancake breakfasts at the Township Hall.

Clerk(Kit Wilson): Written report. Wilson introduced her new deputy, Anna Grobe to the Board.

Treasurer(Bev Holbrook): Written report. Holbrook announced that she has received one bid for surveying the cemeteries and is waiting for additional bids.

Motion made by: Cooley, Support by: Purchase, to accept reports as resented/submitted.

Finance:

Payables: Motion made to accept [payables as amended in the amount of \$40,918.51.

Moved by: Wilson Support by: Cooley

Roll Call: Clerk Wilson A__X__ N___; Supervisor Cooley A__X__ N___; Treasurer Holbrook A__X__ N___; Trustee Mead, A__X__ N___; Trustee Purchase, A__X__ N___ All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

Budget Amendments: Motion made to accept recommended year-end adjustments as presented by Supervisor

Moved by: Cooley Supported by: Holbrook Roll Call: Clerk Wilson A_X__ N___; Supervisor Cooley A_X__ N___; Treasurer Holbrook A_X__ N___; Trustee Mead, A_X__ N___; Trustee Purchase, A_X__ N___ All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

New Business:

Brine Authorization: Motion by Cooley, Support by Wilson to accept the bid for brining from Benzie County Road Commission. All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

Property For Sale: Discussion regarding the neighboring parcel being for sale at \$149,000. While the consensus was that it would enhance the Townships holdings, the cost may not be feasible at this time. Supervisor Cooley will look for potential revenue sources to assist with potential acquisition.

Par Plan Resolutions: Removed from agenda

Eclipse Quote: Chris Varenhorst presented a proposal for labor and materials to update router, cables & switches in the Township Hall. After much discussion, Supervisor Cooley asked that she be furnished with some additional information for clarification.

Bank Authorization to Close Accounts & Update Signers: Purchase moved and Cooley supported to close the park and roads accounts with the funds being combined into the general fund account but maintained separately in general ledger. The motion also authorized the updating of signers to be Beverly Holbrook, Kathryn Wilson, Anna Grobe and Cathy Brown.

Roll Call Vote yielded All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

Old Business:

CIP Plan: Cooley moved and Holbrook supported to accept the updated plan as recommended by the Planning Commission with the caveat that one of them would prepare a new document with the new dates. All Ayes, no Nays, Motion Carried.

Homestead Park Design: It was mentioned that the park committee has been having some very productive meetings. Purchase presented a proposal by Westcott to update issues with the retaining walls at the ballfield. Cooley moved and Holbrook supported to move forward with the repairs in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Roll Call: Cooley, yes; Holbrook, yes; Mead, yes; Purchase, yes; Wilson, yes. All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None offered.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Final Minutes as approved by the Homestead Township Board on May 13, 2026.

