

# Homestead Township Regular Board Meeting February 6, 2023

*A regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:04pm by Supervisor Tia Kurina-Cooley.*

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Request to add Fire Protection Agreement with Platte Township to the agenda and appointment of Planning Commission member. Motion by Cooley to approve agenda with additions. Support: Purchase. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Cooley to approve the January 3, 2023, Regular Board meeting minutes and January 28, 2023 Special Meeting. Support: Mallon. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BENZIE BUS:** Doreen Strang presented 2022 Benzie Bus Annual Report. Ridership has returned to normal since COVID.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 32<sup>nd</sup> District Office of Jon Bumstead in now open. DTE project has submitted application.

## **REPORTS:**

**Zoning Administrator:** Written report submitted. Park and Rec Masterplan uploaded. Submission prior to deadline did not happen. Township will need to hold a new Public Hearing specific to the Park and Rec Masterplan. Trust fund grants are not open to the township this year.

**Assessor:** No report submitted. Assessor not present.

**Parks:** Township Park is open to the community.

Platte River Park – bids were opened by HARP board. Only 2 bids were received and State wants 3. Beckett and Raeder to handle bidding issue. MDOC will need to approve entrance and trust fund grant monies could be used for this.

**Planning Commission:** January 16, 2023 meeting cancelled no business presented. Public hearing was held on January 28, 2023.

**County Commissioner:** Markey advises that Commissioners working on a Meeting Room Usage Policy. Committee appointment bylaws being reviewed. Brianna Lindsay promoted to Director of Equalization. New carpeting has been installed at the county building. 2023 goals being set by the commissioners and the county administrator.

**Fire Department:** Written report received. Walk through done of the new housing project in Honor. Training dates have been moved to Saturdays. Search and Rescue training is slated. February 18, 2023 Ice Water Training hosted by the US Coast Guard. Insurance at the old Platte River Elementary School is needed for public functions. This would be a hold harmless waiver.

**Treasurer:** Written and submitted.

**Clerk:** Written and submitted. Clerk reiterated that the Clerk's Office will take lead with the Treasurer's office to balance accounts. Accounts were in balance in September/October of 2022. Two accounts are out of balance. There may be deposits made that were not reported to the Clerk's office. This will have to be resolved by the end of February prior to the BS&A transition.

Motion by Cooley to accept reports as presented. Support: Mead. 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: Mallon. Roll Call: Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes; Purchase. Motion carried.

**NEW/OLD BUSINES:**

**Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Rebecca Hubers Benzie County Emergency Management Director updated the Board on the strategies presented and asked for input from the Board. Asked the Board to especially look at page 5 pertaining to extreme weather because of the historical problems in the township with ice damming.

**Clean-up Days:** Scheduled clean up days provided by GFL are May 20, 2023 from 8am – Noon, and September 16, 2023 from 8am – Noon. These are solid dates. Clerk requests that residents be allowed to make multiple trips to take advantage of the clean-up. Cooley to remove single trip restriction on the postcard.

Cooley motion to approve Clean Up Dates. Support Mallon. Roll call: Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes; Purchase -yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes. Motion carried.

**Budget Discussion:** Materials presented to be reviewed by the Board. Public hearing scheduled for the proposed budget for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 5:30pm.

**Platte River Park Bids:** Tabled.

**Fire Protection Agreement with Platte Township:** Motion by Cooley to approve Fire Protection Plan for FY 2023-2024 with Platte Township. Support: Purchase. Roll call: Delorme – yes; Purchase – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes. Motion carried.

Agreement signed at the meeting and will be presented immediately to Platte Township.

**Planning Commission:** One letter of interest received for the open Planning Commission spot. Motion by Cooley to appoint John Hancock to the Planning Commission. Support: Mallon. Roll call: Delorme – yes; Purchase – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead -yes; Cooley – yes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Motion by Cooley to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 7:12 pm. Support: Mallon. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the February 6, 2023, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Homestead Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Karen Mallon, Clerk