

# HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP

Regular Board Meeting

January 14, 2026

A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF Homestead Township was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Tia Cooley.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL: Michael Mead, Tia Cooley, Shannon Purchase and Beverly Holbrook. Kit Wilson excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Cooley to approve Agenda as presented with the addition of 1. Gray mailbox and 2. Hand rail in New Business. Support: Purchase. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Cooley to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Support: Holbrook. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

ASSESSING: Written

ZONING: Because of weather will send in written

PARKS: Shannon said the ballfield wall will be in the new budget. He has a price on a pavilion of less than \$37,000 from Skiver Construction. This will cover the batting cages and have an area for the new exercise proposal. Because there will be a support wall in between the areas, it is less expensive when not using trusses. Shannon will see if he can get additional bids. He has been stopped in the park by kids asking if they can use the hills for sledding. He asked that they park on the road with their vehicles.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mike stated that next Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> is the meeting. Last meeting they discussed the capital improvement resolution and Marv will have it ready for February meeting.

COMMISSIONER: No report

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Written

CLERK: Written

TREASURER: Written

Cooley made a motion to accept all reports as presented. Support by Purchase. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

FINANCE:

PAYABLES: Additional payables to be added were presented totaling \$4,622.53 . Cooley made a motion to pay all payables including additions, supported by Purchase. Roll call: Mead – yes, Cooley – yes, Purchase – yes, Holbrook – yes. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING BUDGET: Cooley gave the board a pay schedule sheet to look over for next month. We're breaking out salary for non-statutory duties. An additional might be Hall Rental. We also discussed some items to include such as: new ceiling tiles in the hall, a sound system so people can hear the meetings, and a new computer for the Treasurer. We will discuss the budget at the next meeting.

POVERTY EXEMPTION: The board had a discussion on whether or not to increase the amounts. It was tabled until next meeting.

CONTRACT RENEWALS:

1. MR Consulting: Holbrook made a motion to renew the contract of \$3166/mo, supported by Cooley. Roll Call: Mead – yes, Purchase – yes, Cooley – yes, Holbrook – yes. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Purchase – Mowing: Cooley made a motion to accept this Grounds Maintenance Contract for \$3000/mo from April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026. Supported by Holbrook. Roll Call: Mead – yes, Cooley – yes, Holbrook – yes, Cooley – yes. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Park Manager – Purchase: Motion by Cooley to accept this contract of \$2,200/mo from April 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026. Supported by Mead. Roll call: Mead – yes, Cooley – yes, Holbrook – yes, Purchase – yes. All ayes, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: The only appointment that expires is for Linda Kozak on the Planning Commission. Holbrook made a motion to renew this term, supported by Cooley. All Ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING SCHEDULES: The new Park & Rec committee decided to have their monthly meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.. Cooley made a motion to accept the Year 2026-2027 meeting dates for the Township Board, Planning Board and Park & Rec Committee, supported by Purchase. All ayes. Motion carried.

GRAY MAILBOX: Holbrook stated that checks and other mail that is dropped in the box has been getting soaked. We must decide to either replace, fix or some other means of the public being able to drop off taxes and other items. Purchase suggested a mail slot in the front door. Holbrook will find out what other townships have and also call Marvin. Cooley made a motion to spend up to \$500 for a replacement box or door slot, supported by Purchase. Roll Call: Mead – yes, Cooley – yes, Purchase – yes, Holbrook – yes. All ayes, motion carried.

OUTSIDE STAIR RAIL: Holbrook asked if this rail can be raised to a height that is normal. After discussion, Purchase said he knows a welder that could possibly make a higher railing. A motion was made by Cooley to spend up to \$1000 to fix this rail, supported by Purchase. Roll Call: Mead – yes, Cooley – yes, Purchase – yes, Holbrook – yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARK COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cooley stated that Kevin Taghon would like to be on the committee but was unable to attend the last one. A motion was made by Cooley to add him, supported by Purchase. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Cooley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the January 14, 2026, Homestead Township Board meeting. Signed herein by the Homestead Township Acting Recording Secretary, Beverly Holbrook on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_, Beverly Holbrook, Recording Secretary

Final Minutes for the January, 2026 meeting were adopted on February 11, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_, Kit Wilson, Clerk