

Homestead Township Regular Board Meeting July 12, 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, Shannon Purchase, and Karen Mallon .

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Cooley to approve the June 14, 2023, Regular Board meeting with corrections as indicated. Support: Purchase. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Teresa Pfeiffer commented on the recycling bins not being emptied. Rod Moore of Covey Road requested updates from the Road Commission for estimates for repairs to Covey Road. Cooley to get an update. Ryan Hodges of Deer Valley Lane and other neighbors present to voice complaints regarding 7 barking dogs and blight issues on an once acre lot that was recently sold to two individuals under land contract. Requesting support from the Board to enforce Noise Ordinance and Blight Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE: Platte River Park fencing issues/silt. Gates need to be installed to block traffic. Need AJ's to put gates ups.

REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator: No report, not present.

Assessor: Sales Studies, Land Values and Building inspections/permits.

Parks: Platte River Park – Mead reported that the PRP committee will speak to AJ about the gates. Meeting was cancelled. Ingemar to go to Tribe and receive the 2% ECO Seeds award (\$10,000).

Homestead Township Park – Sprinkler system is on at the ballfield but not the bathrooms. Windows are still broken. Supervisor states she is working on quotes to get internet at the ballfield to be able to install security camera. Purchase will be hauling dirt away from the park and taking some trees out. Treasurer reports that she has received \$1200.00 in sponsor fees. Purchase to inquire about the remaining fees.

Township Building: Working to set up time to power wash the building.

Planning Commission: Mead reported that the PC meeting cancelled due to the death of Jeff Sandman. July 17, 2023, is next meeting.

County Commissioner: RFPs for use of Opioid settlement monies out. Staff analysis done of jail staffing needs at the Sheriff's Office. Working on PACE program, Green Energy for industrial lending. Working of FY 23-24 Budget. Board approved Infant in the Workplace Pilot Program.

Fire Department: Written and submitted. Mead requests that report submitted for runs reflect runs done for the township and those done for Platte Township and any mutual aid calls. Markey to adjust reporting to reflect this.

IRONMAN 2023 is in September. FD to participate with medical and safety support. Will have it on the August Agenda.

Treasurer: Written and submitted. Tax season is on. Very busy. Summer tax bills balanced with the Assessor. Board of Review meeting Tuesday, July 18th.

Clerk: Written and submitted financials. Election is scheduled for November. Will need budget adjustment to increase wages for election workers. Supervisor requests 2022 JE for FD portion of insurance at \$12,500.00.

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

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS – Supervisor will write up needed budget amendments/adjustments and present them to the Clerk.

NEW/OLD BUSINES:

Planning Commission Opening: Motion by Cooley to appoint Wayne Corbett to the vacancy of the Planning Commission. Support Delorme. Roll Call: Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes; Purchase – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes. Motion passed. Clerk to swear in Corbett after the meeting.

Assessor: Gunnar is stepping down for training. Interim Assessor to be Kit Wilson. Motion by Cooley to approve Katheryn Wilson as Assessor of Record for Homestead Township beginning August 1, 2023. Support – Delorme. Roll Call: Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes; Purchase – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes. Motion passed.

Sewer Extension: Discussion held regarding request for sewer extension through Homestead Township. Mead requests that the Supervisor get a capacity analysis of the sewer line from the Village of Honor and a site development plan.

Motion by Mallon to NOT enter into agreement with the Village of Honor regarding sewer expansion until the Village of Honor can present a Capacity Analysis report to the Township. Support – Purchase. Roll Call: Delorme – yes; Purchase – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Taxes – Clerk advises the Board that Michigan Department of Treasury has sent a credit notice to the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Cooley to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 7:52 pm. Support: Mead. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the July 12, 2023, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Homestead Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 13th day of July 2023.

Respectfully Submitted

 _____, Karen Mallon, Clerk