

2026 Final Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Homestead Township Board

June 10, 2026

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Cooley called to order @ 6:01 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 to add Data Centers to new business

Moved by: Mead

Supported by: Holbrook

All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried

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

Moved by: Cooley

Supported by: Wilson

All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried

**Presentations: None**

**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 regarding HARP's desire to replace the kayak launch at no cost to the Township. Installation has not been determined. There was an issue with the ballfields being wet after the recent rains that caused some issues with one of the leagues.

(Mike Mead) Reported that HARP has not committed to mowing the Platte River Park. It was determined that more discussion needs to occur in regards to this matter as it was previously presented that the Township is not supposed to incur any costs for mowing, it was anticipated that this would be a volunteer service. Mead further stated that Michael Moore and Nancy Keenan may be organizing a fund raiser at Grow Benzie to benefit the PRP.

**Planning Commission** (Mike Mead): Verbal. The June meeting has been cancelled.

**County Commissioner** (Tim Markey): No report furnished

**Fire Dept**(Tim Markey ): An incident report was submitted.

**Clerk**(Kit Wilson): Written & Verbal report. Wilson announced that she will be resigning her position as clerk no earlier than September 30 but no later than December 31, 2026. A written resignation will be submitted to the Board as soon as the departure date is determined.

**Treasurer**(Bev Holbrook): Written report regarding the summer tax season and cemetery management.

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

**Finance:**

**Payables:** Motion made to accept payables as presented in the amount of \$23078.77.

Moved by: Cooley Support by: Holbrook

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

**Budget Amendments:** None

**New Business:**

**Data Centers:** Planning Commission chairperson Toby Dunne reviewed a document he prepared in regards to what local jurisdictions need to know about data centers. There was lengthy discussion by the planning commission at their June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting that determined the best course of action for the time being would be for the Township Board to adopt a moratorium on data centers for a period of one year. The Homestead Township Board voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance # 2026-0610-001 to establish a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing, review and approval of any and all applications regarding data centers.

Motion made by Cooley, supported by Purchase with roll call: Cooley, aye; Purchase, aye; Mead, aye; Holbrook, aye; Wilson, aye. All Ayes, No Nays, Motion carried.

**Road Commission Easement:** Troy Hinds and Bob Rosa from the Benzie County Road Commission presented maps and drawings of the existing easement and the proposed changes. It was agreed that the changes to the easement would have little impact on the Township but were of the utmost importance to the Road Commission. It was the consensus of the Board that the Road Commission should proceed with the revised easement agreement language to be presented to the Board at a later date.

**Memorandum of Understanding- Benzie Conservation District:** Cooley moved and Mead supported to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding in regards to the collaborative

planning for a potential education facility at the Platte River Park. All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

**Electronic Sign:** Cooley announced that she has been able to download the access software and does not feel that the Township needs to hire a management service or invest in any additional programming.

**Insurance:** Not all of the new quotes are available, there is still some information the Township needs to provide. This matter was tabled. Wilson notified the Board that the issue with the Workers Compensation policy through Michigan Municipal League has not been resolved and is still problematic. Wilson made the motion to cancel the policy as early as June 30 but no later than July 31 if the refund is not acknowledged and a replacement policy can be implemented. Purchase supported the motion. All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

**Eclipse Quote:** The revised quote was presented by Cooley but there were still services included that were over and above the Township's requirements or expectations. The primary concern for the present is that the mechanical/physical issues of cables, routers, etc. be resolved. The Township will seek additional bids.

**CIP Plan:** Moved by Wilson with support by Cooley to adopt the capital improvement plan with the correction of the cemetery lidar location moved from 2026-27 to 2027-28. All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Carried.

**Par Plan Resolutions:** Tabled

**Public Comment:** None offered.

**Adjournment:** 7:12 pm