

Homestead Township Regular Board Meeting March 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:01pm by Supervisor Tia Kurina-Cooley.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL: Mike Mead, Tia Kurina-Cooley, Pat Delorme, Karen Mallon, Bess Butler

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Discussion held regarding agenda item for Budget Hearing as that "special meeting" was not published. Motion by Cooley to approve agenda with change of Special Meeting – Budget Hearing including the General Appropriations Act being removed from the agenda and moving Approve Pay Schedule and Budget Amendments to New/Old Business. Adding Conservation District request for Support and Road Commission 2022 Brining Approval to New/Old Business. Support: Butler. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Delorme to move the Special Meeting – Budget Hearing to the April 4, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Support: Cooley. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

Clerk to post Special Meeting – Budget Hearing in the Benzie County Record Patriot the week of March 22nd and 28th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Brasaski, Enforcement Officer requested an updated Noise Ordinance. Clerk to provide.

Avis Swiley of the Betsie Valley Trail presented information on the 12-mile paving project. They will be applying for grants for the paving but requesting a resolution from the Board to support the paving project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Delorme to approve the February 7, 2022, Regular Board meeting minutes with corrections. Support: Cooley. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Cooley to approve the February 23, 2022, Special Budget Hearing meeting minutes as presented. Support: Delorme. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence from the Road Commission and Par Plan were presented.

REPORTS:

Zoning Administrator: ZA not present. Written report submitted.

Assessor: Written and submitted.

Parks: HARP presentation. Bids to break ground on phase 1 will be opened on March 10, 2022. This is for the gravel parking area only. HARP requesting resolution from the Township to submit a Recreation Passport Grant for the picnic/shelter area. Funding in the amount of \$187,500.00. Resolution seeking \$37,500.00. Other matching funds will come from USDA.

Fire Department: Fire Chief not present. Written and submitted

County Commissioner: County Commissioner not present.

Treasurer: Written and submitted.

Clerk: Written and submitted.

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

FINANCE:

General Fund: Motion by Cooley to approve APs for GF. Support: Delorme. Roll Call: Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes, Butler – yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department Operations: Motion by Cooley to approve APs for Fire Operations, with additions presented. Support: Delorme. Roll Call: Delorme – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes; Butler – yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department Equipment: Motion by Cooley to approve APs for FDE. Support: Delorme. Roll Call: Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Butler – yes; Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes. Motion carried.

NEW/OLD BUSINES:

Resolutions – The following resolutions were presented to the Board and voted upon:

03072022-1 – Platte River Park

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-2 – Betsie Trail Paving Project

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-3 – Poverty Exemption Extension

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-4 – Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-5 – Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

Charter Fee Discussion – Discussion held on Township’s ability to charge fees through Charter Cable. No action taken. This item is closed from further Board discussion.

Bid Discussion – Discussion held on bid presented by Johnson’s Complete Construction A-Z. Motion by by Mallon to accept the bid from Johnson’s Complete Construction A-Z for repairs to the Township Hall and Concession Stand in the amount of \$7,500.00. Support – Mead. Roll Call: Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes; Butler – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes. Motion carried. Clerk to send award letter to Nathan Johnson.

Fire Protection Agreement – Motion by Mallon to accept the 2022-2023 Fire Protection Agreement between Platte Township and Homestead Township for Fire Services. Roll Call: Delorme – yes; Butler – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes. Motion carried. Clerk to send signed agreement to Platte Township.

Benzie Conservation District – Benzie Conservation District has presented a 3-year agreement to the Board for financial support in the amount of \$500.00 per year ending December 2024. Motion by Delorme to accept the Benzie Conservation District Agreement for financial support. Roll Call: Delorme – yes; Butler – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes. Motion carried. Clerk to send signed agreement to Benzie Conservation District.

2022 Brining Agreement – Motion by Cooley to accept Road Commission Brining Agreement for first and second brining as needed. Support: Delorme. Roll Call: Butler – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes, Delorme – yes. Motion carried. Clerk to send signed agreement to the Benzie County Road Commission.

Budget Discussion:

Budget Amendments: Supervisor and Clerk will work together to resolve budget amendments.

Resolutions – The following budget related resolutions were presented to the Board and voted upon:

03072022-6 – Supervisor’s Annual Salary

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-7- Trustee’s Annual Salary and Meeting Pay

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-8 – Treasurer’s Annual Salary

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-9 – Clerk’s Annual Salary

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-10 – Establishing 2022-2023 Millages

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

03072022-11 – Establishing 2022-2023 Depositors

Resolution presented by Cooley. Ayes: Mead, Cooley, Delorme Butler, Mallon. Nays: none. Resolution approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rebecca Hubers, Benzie County Emergency Manager presented information to the Board regarding the County’s Emergency Management Plan and Natural Hazard Mitigation project. Hubers seeking input from the Board regarding natural disaster in the Township that she could present to the EMP Commission.

Motion by Cooley to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 8:25 pm. Support: Delorme. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the March 7, 2022, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Homestead Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 12th day of March 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:



_____, Karen Mallon, Clerk