

Homestead Township Regular Board Meeting June 6, 2022

A regular meeting of the Homestead Township Board was called to order at 6:06pm 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: Motion by Cooley to approve agenda. Support: Butler. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Cooley to approve the May 2, 2022, Regular Board meeting. Support: Delorme. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Networks Northwest. Seth Palmer request to use Homestead Park for a church event. Steve Allen – Women’s Softball League wants to name the park “Frank Walterhouse Ballfield”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Audit for FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 to begin June 27, 2022. Cleanup Day went well. Website move to happen soon, and any documents not moved will have to be done by the township.

REPORTS:

Board of Review: None. July Board of Review meeting is July 19, 2022 at 6:00pm. This will be posted in the paper.

Zoning Administrator: 15 permits, 1 land division into 3 lots. Complaints have been regarding junk, lights and noise. Wade Trim is scheduled for mid-July.

Assessor: None. Assessor requested a copy of the Poverty Resolution. Clerk to send copy to him for AMAR Review

Parks: HARP: Ground breaking ceremony took place. Park plan needed. AJ’s Excavating contract is official. Increase of costs for materials, there may not be enough money for the pavilion and tables.

Planning Commission: No meeting.

County Commissioner: New Register of Deeds has been appointed. Board working on ARPA funds usage by asking other counties how they are using funds. Broadband services still a hot topic. MSP will have a resident trooper at the Honor Post. Brownfield project (tax exemption) – True North gas station in Honor.

Fire Department: Written and submitted. 153 runs year to date. August 6th Spaghetti Dinner. TV will be going up soon, it will be here on Thursday, June 9th.

Treasurer: Written and submitted.

Clerk: Written and submitted.

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

FINANCE: Motion by Cooley to approve APs for GF, Fire Department and Parks and Rec accounts with the addition of Fire Department fuel bill and Cemetery Maintenance for GF. Support: Delorme. Roll Call: Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes, Butler – yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Motion by Cooley to make budget amendments as follows:

1. Building Maintenance and Repairs: Amendment to the budget to increase 101-265-730 \$20,000.00 for township maintenance. Cooley to complete amendment request.

Support: Mead. Roll call for budget amendments as presented: Delorme – yes; Butler- yes; Mead – yes; Mallon – yes; Cooley - yes. Motion carried.

2. Assessor Contract: Michigan Assessing contract allows for COLA. 5% increase on 2022 contract. Amendment for \$600.00 to 101-209-702 to cover increase on assessing contract. Cooley to complete amendment request.

Support: Mallon. Roll call for budget amendments as presented: Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes; Butler- yes; Mead – yes; Mallon – yes. Motion carried.

NEW/OLD BUSINES:

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Township has an Ordinance Enforcement Officer Resolution, 19-6-05, which allows for issuance of tickets on violations.

MR Consulting: Marvin Radtke presented proposal to the Board for services that include: Grant writing, Zoning Administration and Ordinance Enforcement. Wade Trim to work not completed. Survey is out. Looking at June 17, 2022 for continuation of work. Board to review proposal for July meeting.

Park: MR Consulting. Will do Park work for \$45.00 per hour. Shannon Purchase made verbal interest. Board requested Purchase to submit Letter of Interest.

Personnel Policy: Tabled for further review and development. Mallon states that personnel policy will affect the Fire Department, and Fire Chief should be included on discussion.

Covey Road: Motion by Mead to accept the Road Commission's proposal for 2nd culvert installation on Covey Road for an amount presented at \$1934.20 for the Township's share of the total project amount of \$3868.39. Support: Delorme. Roll call: Cooley – yes; Delorme – yes; Butler – yes; Mead – yes; Mallon – yes. Motion carried.

MTA Online Renewal: Motion by Cooley to renewal MTA Online Learning Premium Pass for \$1900.00 for 2022 to June 2022. Support: Mead. Roll Call: Delorme – yes; Butler – yes; Mallon – yes; Mead – yes; Cooley – yes. Motion carried.

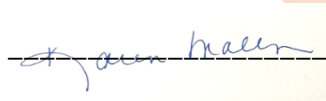
Park Manager: Kevin Taghon made verbal interest to "manage" ballfield for softball games (field prep) at \$850.00. Mallon is opposed to this. Last season (2021) Taghon was contracted as Park Manager and was extremely negligent in the duties that were contracted. No action taken. Board will continue to seek a Grounds Maintenance employee who will maintain all township buildings and grounds except the cemeteries.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Cooley to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 8:54 pm. Support: Mead. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the June 6, 2022, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Homestead Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 9th day of June 2022.

Respectfully Submitted:



_____, Karen Mallon, Clerk