

# HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

July 10, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING OF Homestead Township was called to order at 6:02 pm by Supervisor Tia Cooley.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PRESENT BY ROLL CALL: Michael Mead, Tia Cooley, Pat Delorme, Shannon Purchase and Beverly Holbrook.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Cooley to approve agenda as presented. Support: Purchase. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Cooley to approve the Consent Agenda as written including the June 19 Special Meeting. Support: Holbrook. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

## SPECIAL GUESTS:

John Mead – Present Probate Judge, presented what is required of his position and asked for votes for this next election

Nancy Call – Benzie Senior Resources has a millage on the August 6<sup>th</sup> Primary ballot. Nancy provided a list of many Senior services the agency provides.

## REPORTS:

ASSESSING: Kit Wilson said we had a problem in BS&A holding the Veterans exemptions in the Summer 2024 tax bills. We are certain that BS&A is addressing this problem.

ZONING: Marvin reported he has had 100 + phone calls, 30 + emails and 15 inspections this last month. \*He has submitted a letter regarding the review of new fees for land use, zoning and land division. This will be addressed at the August meeting after the board has the opportunity to review. \*He is working on 2 land divisions that are difficult. \*Regarding the Noise Ordinance, he suggests getting a committee to discuss how to handle this. He has brought several noise ordinances that can be studied.

PARKS: Shannon says there is a problem with the well, again. It was reset and it worked but there is no water again today. He will have Demerly/Shoebridge look at it. May need to have a new well put in. \*Need to address who is supposed to be doing the weed whacking. We need to find the contracts for Parker and Northern Lawn to see duties. \*The new park needs a flag

pole. \*We need flags also. The board said to go to Honor Building and get 6 of the better made in USA flags for \$10. \*He would like to look into pricing of the garbage cans that are at the new park. They would be perfect for the ballpark. \*He got a porta john because the ball field bathrooms were not working. They were vandalized but unable to tell who did it. \*Need to get some type of spray disinfectant for the new park vaults. \*Need to fix zero turn mower. Shannon would like to call a mobile lawn mower man to come out. He charges \$100 for the first hour and \$75 after for each hour. Cooley made a motion to have them come out for diagnosing and spend up to \$500. Supported by Mead. Roll call: Purchase – yes, Delorme – yes, Cooley – yes, Mead – yes, Holbrook – yes. All yeas, No nays. Motion carried. Mike said the stone retaining walls are going in PRP and then the fishing deck. He said it will be hard to fish off though. Will have to use a pier net. There are many large box turtles running around. If any baby turtles are run over, they will close the park down.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Still waiting for maps. The board did go over options on land use and land divisions. This month's meeting is tentative.

COMMISSIONER: \* They are working on the multiple millages that are going on the ballot for August & November. These can be seen on the BC website under Clerk – Elections. \* Paula Eberhard, Register of Deeds, stated she had the first property fraud in BC. You can sign up for the free property fraud alert program on the website. \*The EMD program is up and running. The first week they fielded 47 medical calls. \*They are looking into how to address the huge amount of work that is required to apply for and administer grants. Could include a full-time person. \*Approved Benzie to be fiduciary for a region wide MITTEN grant. \*Almost done with the re-refresh of the master plan. \*Started working on next Fiscal year's budget.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: YTD 182 incidents.

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

FINANCE: PAYABLES: The regular monthly bills have been paid on time. Tia ran a list of the payables. There are several to be paid to AJ for the PRP work. Cooley made a motion to pay all payables, supported by Purchase. Roll call: Mead – yes, Delorme – yes, Cooley – yes, Purchase – yes, Holbrook – yes. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

CLEANING POSITION: Have had 2 interested parties. One gave a quote: Event clean \$200, Weekly from May – Oct \$75 per clean, November – April \$100 per clean. Tabled until next month.

NOISE ORDINANCE: Tabled

COHO FESTIVAL: Shannon would like to have all events at the Township park. Asked for permission to use the park August 23, 24, 25. Cooley made a motion to let the Coho Festival use the park from the 22 – 25. Mead supported. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

PRP BATHROOMS: previously discussed

LAND DIVISION FEE: Table

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mary Haan had sent in a petition regarding the General Dollar property.

She also had a complaint regarding the Honor village new playground. She must go to the village meeting to address this.

ADJOURNMENT: Cooley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm. Supported by Mead. All ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the July 10, 2024, Homestead Township Board meeting. Signed herein by the Homestead Township Clerk, Beverly Holbrook on this the 17<sup>h</sup> day of July 2024.

Respectfully Submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_, Beverly Holbrook, Clerk