

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

Craig Bradfield called the regular meeting of the Howard Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Howard Township Business Office. Pledge to the flag was given. Board members Craig Bradfield, Sheri Wozniak, Linda Rudlaff, Hank Johnson, Mike Daly, and Ashley Wentz answered roll call. David Brawley was absent. Sheriff Behnke Elect, and Howard Trustees Elect Mike Gordon and Billy Kasprzak were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. No comments were made. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Wentz to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve the October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the October 2016 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak to accept the October 2016 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$780,219.41 and an ending balance of \$717,494.20, carried.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to approve the monthly bills for payment, carried.

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Leneway reported 29 calls for service in October 2016, 16 medical and 13 fire calls. The chief also reminded residents to change the batteries in their smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. Also, he reminded everyone that the Safe Burn Ordinance requires burning at least 15' off any road. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve Chris Corzine's medical leave of absence and the fire report, carried. Sheriff Elect Behnke reported seven car/deer accidents within the County on opening day a gun season. Mr. Behnke also informed the Board that the pill drop collections were lighter this year, but there are drop boxes available 24/7 now within the community, which could explain the drop in amounts received during special community pill drop days. He also reminded the Board of the new Marijuana Dispensary Law would be going into effect in December 2016, allowing dispensary operations to begin applying to local units of government in December 2017, as long as the local unit of government allows for dispensaries. This new law allows local units of government to prohibit any and all dispensaries. And Mr. Behnke's final reminder was for all residents to lock their vehicles, there have been several car larcenies. Trustee Wentz and Trustee Elect Kasprzak went to a Special Meeting for SMCAS on Monday regarding the Articles of Incorporation and future funding of the ambulance service which is owned by Howard Township and 5 other municipalities. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Johnson to accept all the monthly reports, carried.

Information

Reminders of upcoming Holiday Closings: the office will be closed November 24 and 25 and on December 23 and 30.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Rudlaff to approve the land division application from Steven and Helen Lichtenbarger ETAL for Parcel # 14-020-029-105-04, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve the land division application from Clifford E. Poehlman LC for Parcel # 14-020-013-005-01, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to accept the resignation of Terese Munger as Recording Secretary to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Treasurer Rudlaff thanked David Brawley and Ashley Wentz for their dedication to the community. She also congratulated Mike Gordon, Bill Kasprzak and Rick Behnke for winning the election for the offices sought. Trustee Wentz thanked the community and added what an honor and privilege it was to serve the residents of Howard Township along side the current members of the Board of Trustees. She added she also hopes to return to the Board in the future to serve again when she can give 110% to the community.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk