

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2018 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, Mike Daly, Mike Gordon, Hank Johnson and Bill Kasprzak answered roll call. Sheriff Behnke, Undersheriff Roach and Deputy Ryan Shields were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Kasprzak to approve the October 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the October 2018 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Daly to accept the October 2018 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$354,855.33 and an ending balance of \$331,869.82, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Leneway reported 35 emergency calls for October 2018. Chief Leneway also announced the Christmas Tree Sale would begin the Friday after Thanksgiving at the fire station, and that trees would be sold downtown Niles on that Saturday. Sheriff Behnke announced the annual "No Shave November Charity Fundraiser" with the deputies and their goal was to receive \$50.00. Behnke also announced that Animal Control would be holding their "Christmas for the Animals" Fundraiser would be December 1, 10 am to 2 pm. Sheriff Behnke also reminded the Board that recreational marijuana becomes legal December 6 and the Board may want to consider opting out. Trustee Kasprzak reported 604 calls for October, 47 in Howard. Kasprzak also reported SMCAS employees help an elderly woman with no heat, she now has a new furnace. Also, they purchased two pairs of shoes for someone who had none. Thanked the SMCAS employees for their dedication to the community. Mr. Kasprzak also reported that the \$400,000.00 uncollectable in the past is down to \$180,000.00 currently. Lastly, SMCAS is getting new LUCAS' (portable CPR machines). Trustee Gordon announced that the parks are closed for the season and the Park Board is planning for next year. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Kasprzak to accept the monthly departmental reports, carried.

Information

Upcoming holiday Closings include November 22-23 for Thanksgiving, December 24-25 for Christmas and December 31-January 1 for New Years. The Fire Department Christmas Tree Sale will begin November 23. Come out and support your local fire association. The Office Christmas Tree is up, please help in decorating it with donations for the students at Howard School. The Township will be accepting donations of gloves, hats, scarves, sweatpants, socks, and long sleeve tee shirts, etc. Monetary donations will be accepted as well.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Wozniak to approve Resolution 2018-008, Resolution modifying Poverty Exemption Guidelines from Property Taxes, carried. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson to approve the Cawley Land Division Application for Parcel 14-020-019-016-01, carried.

Correspondence

There will be a meeting at Milton Township on the second Monday in January regarding the possibility of Howard and Milton Townships combining.

Other Business from the Board

None

Public Comment

Several citizens encouraged the Board of Trustees to opt out allowing recreational marijuana establishments within the Township. Also, Connie Dickenson requested more information be available on the website, such as more detailed information of Agenda items. Lastly, residents encourage the township to seek out park equipment grants.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bradfield adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk