

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 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, Mike Daly, David Brawley, Hank Johnson and Ashley Wentz answered roll call. Undersheriff Behnke was also in attendance.

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 Wozniak to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Wentz, supported by Rudlaff to approve the April 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the April 2016 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Brawley to accept the April 2016 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$882,244.81 and an ending balance of \$826,500.54, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Treasurer Rudlaff asked about a past truck fund at the Township on behalf of the firefighters and asked if there could be another one. Deputy Clerk Munger verified that the Improvement Capital Fund had a line item specifically for fire department acquisitions and does not know of any truck fund. Undersheriff Behnke reported daytime break-ins in accessory buildings in the County, possibly involving a black jeep. Also, there has been an increase in car/deer accidents. He then introduced Detective Sergeant David Toxopeus, head of the Drug Team, who gave a presentation. He presented a lot of information and statistics and asked that people support the millage renewal at the August 2, 2016 Election. Trustee Wentz reported that SMCAS' April revenues of \$273,812.36 and expenditures of \$211,975.03 with a balance of \$69,297.35 in the general checking account. Also, Dr. Beyer, the Director of the Medical Control Board, was present at their last meeting to explain that certain emergency calls would not have lights and sirens. These calls are less urgent and this will make the roads safer. If the medic determines the call is more urgent than reported, they will run lights and sirens. Trustee Brawley reported success for opening day for the little league at Pepper Martin Park. The only issue was that the park dumpster was not large enough to sustain the event. The little league will provide an extra dumpster during all future events. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Brawley to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

The Township's Annual Audit will be July 13-15. Cass County Hazardous Waste Collection will be May 21, 2016, 9-noon at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Bradfield to approve Ordinance #200 An Amendment to Ordinance #192, the Zoning Ordinance, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Brawley to table Ordinance #201 Anti-Noise and Nuisance Ordinance, carried. A motion was made by Brawley, supported by Bradfield to hire Linda McGregor full-time, failed, Wozniak, Rudlaff, Brawley, Wentz, Johnson and Daly voting no.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Clerk Wozniak thanked Board Members Rudlaff, Bradfield, Wentz and herself and Firefighters Leneway, Coleman, Korp, Zavoral, and Probies Jason and Chris for their assistance to our residents at Clean-Up Day. Treasurer Rudlaff informed the board that residents are complaining about the dust control and will need to be addressed, possibly not offering it through the Township anymore.

Public Comment

Bruno Eidietis question the enforcement of the Anti-Noise and Nuisance Ordinance. David Kroa requested clarification on the grant being applied for by the Cass County Road Commission for Carberry Road. He has concerns over truck traffic. He asked that the Board consider a Jake Brake Ordinance and that more patrol of the area for speeding vehicles.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to adjourn at 8:22 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk