

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
August 21, 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, Mike Gordon, Hank Johnson and Bill Kasprzak answered roll call. Linda Rudlaff and Mike Daly were absent. Sheriff Rick Behnke was also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to approve the July 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Supervisor Bradfield read the July 2018 financial report into the record. Trustee Kasprzak questioned if there had been an increase in state revenue sharing. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to accept the July 2018 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$466,181.80 and an ending balance of \$512,823.36, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Leneway reported 14 medical and 10 fire calls for July 2018. Sheriff Behnke thanked the residents for their E911 millage renewal support at the August 7, 2018 Election. Mr. Behnke also reminded the residents of the upcoming Triathlon. The sheriff also reported that the three subjects in the armed robbery in the Township have been apprehended; he believes the change in coverage hours assisted in this quick arrest. Lastly, there has been an increase in injury accidents due to distracted driving. Distracted driving includes texting, radio changing, tending to children in back seat, etc. Trustee Kasprzak reported the new ambulance has arrived at SMCAS and is running well. The SMCAS Board expects their annual audit at next meeting and is expected to be a favorable audit. Lastly, SMCAS assists at Red Bud and there will international racing there on October 6 and 7, 2018 and SMCAS will be there. Trustee Gordon stated there was no quorum for the August meeting, so it was canceled. August is usually a pretty slow month for the parks department. Clerk Wozniak thanked Charlie and Larry for an amazing job with the parks and commented on what great shape our Township Parks are in. Trustee Kasprzak added how beautiful the ball fields are at Pepper Martin Park. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

The Triathlon will be August 25, 2018. Please keep in mind there will be some road closures and watch for the athletes.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to approve the Sutherland land division application for Parcel #14-020-031-037-01, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve budget amendments for the 2018-2019 General, New Construction, Sewer and Weed Eradication Funds, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Trustee Gordon and his wife, Jan, want to thank the fire department and sheriff's office for their support and assistance with the 2018 Burn Run. The Run was a success, but turnout was down this year.

Public Comment

Supervisor Bradfield asked Bruno Eidietis about parking for the August 25, 2018 triathlon. Mr. Eidietis informed the board that people would be bussed in. Supervisor Bradfield informed Mr. Eidietis that there is definitely an issue with communication regarding such a large event in the Township and that needs to improve. Mr. Scott Lundberg of 1069 Carberry expressed appreciation for the police coverage on Carberry Road and that the speeding issue has improved. He also questioned the Howard/Milton combination consideration. Several residents questioned the benefits to Howard Township and the possibility of becoming a Charter Township. Supervisor Bradfield reiterated that there is a committee in place that will be investigating the pros and cons of combining with Milton and the consideration of becoming a Charter Township. Mr. Bruno Eidietis updated the board regarding weed control in Barron Lake. The company that has been treating the lake for the last four years has a new product that the DEQ has approved. Barron Lake would be the first large lake treated, so it would be a case study for the DEQ. This treatment would kill the milfoil at the root instead of waiting for growth and then just treating the weed. It costs more, so we will be asking for a new assessment for up to \$750.00, but not to exceed, over a five year period to be applied as necessary, initial treatments may cost a bit more.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Bradfield adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk