

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

Supervisor Bill Kasprzak 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, Mike Gordon, Bill Kasprzak, Hank Johnson, Sheri Wozniak and Mike Daly were present. Gary Conover and Phil Hurlbutt were absent.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson to approve the agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the December 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the January 2024 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to accept the January 2024 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$ 1,464,002.88 and an ending balance of \$1,424,736.99 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

The Fire Department had 20 EMS calls and 11 Fire calls. They responded to 523 total calls in 2023. SMCAS is currently reexamining their articles of incorporation. The Parks are now closed for winter, however Pepper Martin Park opened on Jan 13 for sledding and may continue depending on weather. The Sheriff advised that the department is still recruiting for road deputies. He also reminded people that this is scam season and to be aware. Animal Control has 2 part time officer position open. Animal Control is over capacity with over 50 dogs available for adoption. County Commissioner Jerimiah Jones spoke about being re-elected to the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners and our other Howard township representative to the board, Sam Barrera is the vice chair. There was a productive meeting with the Sheriff's department regarding wages in an attempt to retain and attract employees. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Daly to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information: Budget meetings for 2024-2025 will begin in late January, the public is encouraged to attend these meetings as we set budget priorities for next year. Including funding emergency services. Howard School will receive the donations to the giving tree. The Fire Department received a 38,700 grant from Firehouse subs that will be used to replace aged out equipment.

Old Business

New Business

Approve MS Properties quote for demo to 844 Leet for 8350.00. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak, Carried.

Approve Budget meeting open to the public for Feb 6 at 6pm, February 25 at 1pm and March 5 at 6pm. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson, Carried.

Correspondence

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:24 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk