

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
March 21,2023 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:**

Supervisor Kasprzak called the special meeting of the Howard Township Board of Trustees to order at 7pm. The meeting was held at Howard Township Business Office. Pledge to the flag was given. Board members Bill Kasprzak, Sheri Wozniak, Mike Gordon, Gary Conover, Mike Daly, Hank Johnson and Phil Hurlbutt answered roll call.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve the February 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes, carried  
A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover to approve the February 22, 2023 special meeting minutes, carried  
A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve the March 8, 2023 special meeting minutes, carried.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Gordon read the March 2023 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Conover to accept the financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$1,214,280.53 and an ending balance of \$1,336,250.35, carried

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Departmental Reports**

Jeremiah Jones, County Commissioner related that April 26 from 3-6 is Hazzard materials disposal day. He discussed training being offered for new commissioners, and he is working on a grant for peacetime Veteran benefits. The covid and flu numbers in the county are trending down. There has been an increase in blight funds from the state and those are in the process of being dispersed. Fire Chief reported that there were 35 EMS and 7 Fire calls in the township last month. The fire department is having a pancake breakfast on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7a-12p, Sheriff Behnke reported that the department received 100,000 from a grant to update Marine Patrol. SMCAS had 44 calls in the township. Parks open officially April 1<sup>st</sup>; they are in the process of hiring a part time maintenance worker. The parks are looking at purchasing new equipment and there is tree work to be done in Sholtey and Pepper Martin parks. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve the monthly reports, carried.

**Information**

None

**Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Daly, to approve the 2023-2024 annual monthly meeting schedules, carried. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak to approve the contracts with Siegfried Crandall, PC as the auditor, Berends, Hendricks & Stuit Insurance Agency as the insurance agent, MS Properties for ordinance enforcement cleanups, Norman Properties for ordinance enforcement mowing, Cass County Office of Sheriff for Law Enforcement and Watsons for snow plowing, carried. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Conover to approve the contract renewals for the Building Inspector Adam Dahlgren, Electrical Inspector Ron Bellaire, Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector John Dobberteen, and Miss Dig Inspector Lisa Guyott, and Shalise Northrup Assessing for Re-valuation of township, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover to appoint Chris Corzine as Fire Chief, Chris Korp as Assistant Fire Chief, and Tim Phillips as Captain and Fire Inspector, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve the Supervisor, Zoning Solutions and the contracted Cass County Sheriff Deputy as ordinance enforcement officer for all ordinances, Zoning Administrator as an enforcement officer for the Zoning Ordinance, and the Fire Department Officers as enforcement officers for burning and fire ordinances, carried. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2023-004, the Salary Resolution, carried. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Gordon, to approve Resolution 2023-005, the General Appropriations Act Resolution, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, to approve the 2023-2024 Holiday Schedules, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon, to approve the proposed 2023-2024 General Fund Budget, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly, to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Ambulance, Street Light, Improvement Capital, ARPA, Building, New Construction, Sewer, New Fire Truck, Tax Fund and Weed Eradication Funds Budgets, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve 2023-2022 pay scale, carried.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Other Business from the Board**

None

### **Public Comment**

Jason King, 1419 Thomson Rd spoke against a possible solar farm, Karen and Matt Neinas 1422 Thomson rd spoke against solar, Tom Kauffman 1073 Carberry Rd spoke about solar, Jason Wood 3003 White St asked about the status of the burned house on Barron Lake Rd. Eileen Toney spoke about the Howard Library usage. James Gillis Pine Lake Rd advised that perhaps library bulletin boards could be used to communicate with the public

### **Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 7:42 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk