

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 1, 2023 6:00 p.m.**

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

Clerk Sheri Wozniak called the special meeting of the Howard Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:15 p.m. The meeting was held at Howard Township Business Office. Board members, Mike Gordon, Sheri Wozniak, Mike Daly, Phil Hurlbutt and Hank Johnson were present, Bill Kasprzak, arrived at 6:16 and, Gary Conover arrived at 6:17pm.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Information:**

**Old Business**

**New Business** A discussion about future funding for the Fire and Police departments. The fire department is in need of a new fire truck in the immediate future and will need to replace other vehicle in its ageing fleet as well as some other very expensive equipment. Costs for 1 fire truck alone will be 850,000.00. Currently the fire department is funded out of the general operating budget. The cost of the truck alone is equivalent to the entire general operating budget. Ideas were discussed on how to fund emergency services moving forward.

Discussed were a millage increase. A special assessment.

The Fire Chief was asked to come up with a 10-year operating budget, taking into consideration additional equipment needing to be replaced within that time frame.

The Treasurer will determine the assessed value of Howard Township and the Supervisor will research an increase in the Millage procedure.

Next meeting is set for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30pm

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 7:11 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk