

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
September 26, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

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

Supervisor Bill Kasprzak called the special meeting of the Howard Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Howard Township Business Office. Board members, Mike Gordon, Sheri Wozniak, Mike Daly, Phil Hurlbutt, Bill Kasprzak, and Gary Conover were present. Hank Johnson was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made by Conover, supported by Gordon to approve the agenda, carried.

**Information:**

**Old Business**

**New Business** The board was presented with the following information

Per the Auditor having one years' worth of expenses is the appropriate amount of savings. Approx 400,000.00 could be used towards a fire truck. There are additional monies up to 262,816.94 that the twp has been saving for a fire truck and improvements for Fire Dept. That brings the total cash available for a fire truck purchase to 662,816.94. Current model fire trucks are running around 850,000.00.

1 mil would generate 278,928.009

2 mil would generate 557,856.00.

That would mean 407,856.00 for Fire Dept and 150,000 for police.

If a millage is implemented, the one-year cost of police and fire out of the general fund could be used to fund the balance of a fire truck, without impacting the fund balance.

Discussion resulted in the board requesting the implementation procedure for a millage increase. Consultation with the Attorney is the next step.

**Public Comment**

Caroline Neinas asked questions regarding a down payment, other budget tightening measures, and expressed concern about raising taxes. Mr. Neinas asked a question regarding issues with the current fire truck.

Phil Watson expressed support for the fire service.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned 7:14, carried.

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk