

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
August 17, 2021 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 Bill Kasprzak, Mike Gordon, Mike Daly, Hank Johnson, Phil Hurlbutt, and Sheri Wozniak were present. Gary Conover was absent.

Approval of Agenda:

The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. The following items were added to the agenda. Resolution 2021-009 and Resolution 2021-010. No comments were made. 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 July 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the August 2021 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kasprzak to accept the August 2021 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$707,465.87 and an ending balance of \$747,602.39 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

There were 36 EMS calls and 10 Fire calls for July 2021. Assistant Chief and Fire Inspector Joe Korp advised that he will be retiring effective August 31, 2021. Supervisor Kasprzak reported that SMCAS remains extremely busy. Lakeland Hospital has approached SMCAS about posting an ambulance 24/7 at the hospital, that is being looked at. Trustee Gordon reported that the disc golf project is being utilized daily, has taken in more in donations than they have spent, and the park hosted a Grand Opening on Saturday that was well attended. The Sheriff reported that drug related crimes and activity is on the rise county wide, including overdoses of prescription drugs. Sheriff Behnke reminded everyone that the county wide hazardous waste and tire collection will be held on August 21 at Cass County Road Commission. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

The Fire Department reported on some of the recommendations from Risk Assessment that they will be implementing. Due to the uncertainty regarding the CLFEF funds the workshop set for Sept 14th to discuss funding for police and fire services is on hold.

Auditor found an error in the AFLAC prepaid insurance account. The problem has been fixed and extra money paid in was returned to employees.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution 2021-009 refusing ownership of the Rosebush Trailer Park water supply was discussed. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Wozniak. Carried.

Resolution 2021-010 refusing ownership of the Barron Lake Trailer Park water supply was discussed. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon. Carried.

Approved Budget Amendment for Park Department and Capital Outlay. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Kasprzak. Carried.

Approved Budget Amendment for Parks Equipment Repair and Maintenance. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Daly. Carried.

Approved Lisa Guyott as Ms Dig through March 31, 2022. Motion made by Kasprzak, supported by Wozniak. Carried.
Approved Crouch Trust Split 14-020-031-159-00. Motion made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon. Carried.
Approved Sallak Split 14-020-019-001-002. Motion made by Daly, supported by Gordon. Carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

None

Public Comment

Paul Andrus from Invenenergy advised that individuals from SWCA will be out in the field on contracted properties performing wetland delineation studies. Starting August 30th and lasting about two weeks.

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:35 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk