

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
September 19, 2023 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, Sheri Wozniak, Bill Kasprzak, Hank Johnson, Gary Conover, Phil Hurlbutt and Mike Daly were present.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon to approve the August 15th, 2023 regular meeting minutes, carried.
A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover to approve the August 29th, 2023 special meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the September 2023 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Daly to accept the September 2023 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$ 1,141,140.62 and an ending balance of \$1,094,685.20 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

The Sheriff Dept Josh Zilke was introduced as the new Howard Twp Deputy. Howard Twp has received the new vehicle; Undersheriff Roach gave a shout out to Fire Dept for their help on several scenes this month. The building department continues to be busy. The Fire department had 35 EMS calls and 7 FIRE calls. 2 new probationary fireman and 4 fireman EMT class through SMCAS. They will be at Apple Festival on 9/23 and they still have carbon monoxide and smoke alarms available. The parks are expecting delivery of new play equipment in October. Large tree clean-up continues and they received a 5,000 grant from SWM Realtors. SMACS ran 41 calls in the township. SMCAS has entered a 90 day contract with Cass County. They have hired 4 or 5 Pride Care staff. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information: Treasurer is moving sewer fund MM to CD for higher yield. Next meeting to discuss emergency services funding is September 26th at 6:30pm

Old Business

New Business

Approve Reappointment of Dawn Stanage to Planning Commission until 10/2026. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Hurlbutt, Carried.

Approve Budget Amendment for Parks Contracted Services. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon, Carried.

Approve Watson snow plow contract for 2023-2024. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak, Carried.

Approve Bartak Land Split. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly, Carried.

Approve Bortz Land Split. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, Carried.

Correspondence

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment Carolyn Neinas questions of Howard Twp Deputy. Morgan Frend asked about Pride Care. Tom Cauffman asked about status of leaking fire truck.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:30 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk