

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 18, 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, and Phil Hurlbutt were present. Mike Daly was absent.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Hurlbutt to approve the agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Conover, supported by Gordon to approve the June 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the July 2023 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to accept the July 2023 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$ 1867,641.70 and an ending balance of \$1,641,097.77 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

County Commissioner Jeremiah Jones spoke about the county being 3.5 million in the hole. Ticks are wide spread, 2 cases of monkey pox and 2 cases of Lyme disease. The Sheriff Dept reported that break ins are up and they have 2 new officers, and 2 starting the academy. Contractor scams are increasing. Also a reminder to lock your car and home doors. The building department continues to be busy. The Fire department had 36 EMS calls and 12 FIRE calls. The Fire Department will be celebrating its 75th birthday this fall and will have an open house on August 26th from 11-5. The parks are continuing to look at replacing play structures. Large tree clean up in Pepper Martin Park. SMACS ran 47 calls in the township. They are currently hiring with the help of education grants. The new squad car is almost ready for service for the Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the township. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Hurlbutt to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information:

Old Business

New Business

Approve Budget amendment for Fire Dept A motion was made by Hurlbutt, supported by Wozniak, Carried.

Approve Workshop for August 1st, 2023 at 6pm to discuss fire truck funding. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson, Carried.

Correspondence

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment Morgan Freund questioned where the grant came from for the Fire Dept.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:16 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk