

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 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 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held at Howard Township Business Office. Pledge to the flag was given. Board members Bill Kasprzak, Phil Hurbutt, Mike Gordon, and Mike Daly, Hank Johnson and Gary Conover were present and Sheri Wozniak was absent. Commissioner Mike Grice, Sheriff Rick Behnke and Fire Chief Chris Corzine were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. No comments were made. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Hurbutt to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Conover to approve the March 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the April 2021 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to accept the April 2021 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$646,431.29 and an ending balance of \$772,610.69 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Commissioner Grice informed the board that Equalization Director Tami Stewart gave the County Board of Commissioners the 2021 update of taxable land values for Cass County. SMC is offering \$1000 and \$600 scholarships for in-district and out of district students respectively. Chief Corzine reported 14 Fire calls and 43 EMS calls for April 2021. Sheriff Behnke reiterated that catalytic converter thefts continue to be a large issue county wide. A White cab and a half pickup truck is a possible suspect vehicle. Sheriff also reported that his department investigated a suspicious situation that resulted in the arrest of a suspect and the confiscation of meth and stolen property. Supervisor Kasprzak reported that SMCAS remains extremely busy, having had their busiest month since they started keeping track. Mr. Gordon reported that the disc golf project is under construction at Jones park and so far, all money spent has been raised by the project. They are looking for volunteers to assist with construction of the course. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

DEA takeback prescription drug drop off will be held at Twp Hall on Saturday, April 24th, from 10a-2p. Clean up day is set for May 15 from 8:30-11am, vouchers, available at the township hall are required.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Daly to approve the Pletcher land division application for parcel 14-020-024-002-03, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve budget amendment for the 2021-2022 General Fund, Park Department donations and Capital Outlay-Parks carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Hurbutt to approve Resignation of Cathy Stafford from ZBA and appointment of Kevin Kunst to ZBA, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve The reclassification of Bill Kasprzak and Chris Austin to non-firefighter status, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:40 pm, carried.

Kristen Daly
Howard Township Deputy Clerk