

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
January 17th, 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, Mike Daly, Sheri Wozniak, Bill Kasprzak, Hank Johnson were present. Gary Conover arrived at 7:27pm. Phil Hurlbutt was absent.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to approve the December 20th, 2022 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the January 2023 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to accept the January 2023 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$1,025,688.59 and an ending balance of \$997,997.43 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

County Commissioner Jeremiah Jones introduced himself as the new chairperson for the county commissioners and the representative of the majority of Howard Twp. Samuel Guerra introduced himself as the commissioner for the balance of Howard Twp. The Sheriff reported that the annual report of activity in the township will be available at the end of the month. Accidents related to distracted driving continue to be a problem in the county. He also addressed the issue of road closures during the recent blizzard. He stated that the Sheriff does not have the authority to close roads. He did issue a weather alert and indicated that travel during a storm should be up to the individual and encouraged common sense. There will be times that officers will be unable to reach those stranded in a weather emergency. The Fire department had 38 EMS calls and 14 FIRE calls, for the 2022 year the department responded to 151 Fire calls and 291 EMS calls. SMCAS had 52 calls for service in Howard Twp last month. The parks department is quiet, preparing budgets for next year. Disc golf has been steady even during the winter months. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information: Supervisor Kasprzak provided the board information regarding the accident involving the newest SMCAS ambulance. Donna Roark the principal at Howard School came with several 5th grade students to accept the donations from the Howard Twp giving tree.

Old Business

New Business

Approve Land Split/Combo for parcel 14-020-034-009-00. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Daly, Carried.

Approve Tom Hable to Planning Commission for a 1-year term. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, Carried.

Tabled Associate Fire fighter policy, pending review by the Township Attorney.

Correspondence

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:30 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk