

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2022 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, Gary Conover, Sheri Wozniak, Hank Johnson, and Bill Kasprzak were present. Phil Hurlbutt was absent.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Public Meeting:

Supervisor Bill Kasprzak opened the public meeting for the SMCAS Assessment. Supervisor read the rules and opened up the floor for those speaking in support. Supervisor then opened the floor to those speaking in opposition. Scott Krieger 2430 Dick St, Barb Green 2474 Hand, Matt Neinas 1422 Thompson Rd, Mike Richmond 102 Leet, Todd Mokwa 1110 Carberry Rd, Jason Rd 3003 White St, Rich Smith 1308 Breezy Beach, Laura Borton 2716 Horton St, Tom Cauffman 1073 Carberry, Kerry and Ed Martz 3075 Hoyt St. Rick Peterson 2564 Yankee St, Ed Selent 1236 Huntly. There were several letters written both in support and opposition. The Public Hearing was closed by the Supervisor Kasprzak. A vote was then called on Resolution #3 Filing of Special Assessment Roll. A motion was made by Johnson supported by Kasprzak, carried. A vote was then called on Resolution #4 Confirmation of Special Assessment Roll. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Johnson, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Daly to approve the August 16th, 2022 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the August 2022 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Johnson to accept the August 2022 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$968,564.26 and an ending balance of \$898,915.53 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

The Fire department had 47 EMS calls and 10 FIRE calls. Chief Corzine spoke about the Fire Department including the need for more firefighters. 47% of Fire Fighters in the US are volunteer. All emergency services are facing staffing and retention issues. The Sheriff's department continues to be busy in the township. Undersheriff Clint Roach indicated that the Sheriff Department continues to be busy in the township. They are also hiring and are putting people through the academy. He reiterated that the ORV rules are on the county website. Officers are stopping ORV's on primary roads and issuing warnings at this time. ORV must also have DNR sticker and be flagged. More patrols on Carberry Road for truck traffic was request by a township resident. The building department continues to be busy. The parks department is winding down for the season, but continues to be busy. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Conover to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information:

Old Business

New Business

Approve Contract with Road Commission for painting Carberry Rd for \$1860.88. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Daly, Carried.

Approve Reappointment of Debbie Johnson to Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending in October 2025. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson, Carried.

Approve Dennis Ignowski to full time maintenance effective November 1st, 2022. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover, Carried.

Approve Split/Combo for Lois Hanes/Matthew and Diann Allred, 14-020-023-009-01. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Johnson, Carried.

Approve Halloween Trick or Treat hours on Oct 31st to 6pm-7:30pm. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon, Carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:15 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk