

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
Sep 21, 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 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Howard Township Business Office. Pledge to the flag was given. Board members Bill Kasprzak, Mike Gordon, Mike Daly, Hank Johnson, Phil Hurlbutt, Gary Conover and Sheri Wozniak were present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak to approve the August 17, 2021 regular meeting minutes, carried.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer Gordon read the September 2021 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover to accept the September 2021 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$747,602.39 and an ending balance of \$707,838.56 carried.

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Departmental Reports**

There were 37 EMS calls and 9 Fire calls for August 2021. Chief Corzine advised the board that while the open house on 9/11 was small the memorial service was well attended. There is a fire class that starts next month. Supervisor Kasprzak reported that SMCAS remains extremely busy, in fact last month was the busiest in 40 years. Assistant Chief Josh Kay is being honored as the Practitioner of the year for the state of Michigan, at a ceremony in Lansing next week. Trustee Gordon reported that the disc golf project is being utilized daily. A tournament is being held Oct 2-3<sup>rd</sup>. Electric service has been repaired and is on in the pavilion. The Sheriff reported catalytic converter thefts continue to be an issue. Fatal traffic crashes have been numerous this last month county-wide. Commissioner Mike Grice advised that the County Treasurer reported fewer foreclosures this year due to payment assistance programs. There is still help available to those that need help with housing. Cass County parks received a grant which will allow upgrades and work at Dodd and Pucker Street. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Conover to approve the monthly reports, carried.

**Information**

Howard Twp Trick or Treat time will be October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6-7:30pm. A subcommittee was formed to study implementation of the International Property Maintenance code and Ordinance enforcement. Kasprzak, Daly, Gordon and ZA McGregor were appointed. A draft of the 2020-2021 Fiscal year audit was reviewed.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Approved Rich McGrew as Assistant Building Inspector. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Hurlbutt. Carried. Approved Mezsick Split 14-020-024-015-02. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Conover. Carried.

**Correspondence**

None

**Other Business from the Board**

Gordon advised the board that the Deputy Treasurer would be retiring sometime this fiscal year. A letter of resignation would be submitted. Gordon would like to have someone shadow the deputy Treasurer before she leaves and the board would have to discuss and approve compensation and hours.

The board will be looking for bids for snowplowing.

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 7:31 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk