

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 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 were present. Phil Hurlbutt and Mike Daly were absent.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve the September 19th, 2023 regular meeting minutes, carried.

A motion was made by Conover, supported by Gordon to approve the September 26th, 2023 special meeting minutes, carried.

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to approve the October 5th, 2023 special meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the October 2023 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover to accept the October 2023 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$ 1,103,869.69 and an ending balance of \$1,138,803.95 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Commissioner Jeremiah Jones reported that the county has accepted a budget with a 750,000 shortfall, which is allowed by law. They are trying to increase Sheriff Deputy pay to attract staff. Covid cases are up and there are 3 reported cases of Lyme disease. The Fire Department had 34 EMS calls and 16 Fire calls. October 31 is Truck and Treat at the Fire Station from 5-8pm. November 5th is a pancake breakfast from 7a-12p for Gary Stephenson a former chief. The Fire Department received a \$4,000 grant from Marathon to be used for updating radio units. The department has also applied for a Firehouse Sub grant. SMCAS is in talks with the county regarding ambulance service. The Fire Chief noted that their response time to Howard Twp is at the same high standard, with no drop off in service. The Parks received a \$5000.00 from the South West Realtor Association to be used to replace the swings at kiddie corral. The Arpa funds allotted to the Parks have been used to purchase new equipment that it in the process of being installed at Jones and Sholtey parks. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information: Jarrid Burde received the \$1500 Robert Robinson scholarship.

Old Business

New Business

Approve Halloween trick or treat for Oct 31 from 6-7:30pm. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kasprzak, Carried.

Approve Woodbury/Watson split combo. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, Carried.

Approve Resolution 2023-007. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, Carried.

Correspondence

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:25 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk