

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 15, 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, Phil Hurlbutt, Mike Gordon, Mike Daly, Hank Johnson, 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 Daly, to amend agenda to add discussion of workshop for police and fire funding. A motion was made Gordon, supported by Johnson to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve the May 18, 2021 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the June 2021 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to accept the June 2021 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$667,952.24 and an ending balance of \$742,759.72 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

There were 52 EMS calls and 8 Fire calls for June 2021. Howard Twp fire assisted Niles City on the National Standard Fire where over a million gallons of water was utilized. Supervisor Kasprzak reported that SMCAS remains extremely busy. There is a national shortage of EMT. Mr. Gordon reported that the disc golf project is almost complete at Jones Park and so far, all money spent has been raised by community donors. Should be complete by mid-July with a grand opening to follow. All holes are playable at this time. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Conover to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

Howard Twp Community Hall at Kiddie Corral has been inspected and found to be structurally sound. Some minor repairs are needed before opening up for rental.

ID badges are being processed, see Dep Clerk.

Old Business

A review of the smoking policy was tabled for further discussion.

A review of the risk assessment was tabled for further discussion.

New Business

A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Wozniak to change the observation of 4th of July to July 2nd from July 5th. Township offices will be closed on July 2nd in observance, Hurlbutt voted nay, carried.

No action was taken on Employee parking at the township offices.

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve and adopt the MTA Principles of Governance, carried.

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Hurlbutt to approve Resolution 2021-007, opposing Michigan House Bill #4722 and Senate Bill #446 regarding short term rentals, carried.

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Conover to set a workshop on September 14th, 2021 at 7pm to discuss future funding for police and fire services in the township, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 7:50 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk