

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
August 29, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

Supervisor Bill Kasprzak called the special meeting of the Howard Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Howard Township Business Office. Board members, Mike Gordon, Sheri Wozniak, Mike Daly, Phil Hurlbutt and Hank Johnson, Bill Kasprzak, and Gary Conover were present.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Information:

Old Business

New Business The Fire Chief presented his 10 year budget. In addition to 855,000.00 need for a new fire truck, there is approximately a need for a yearly budget of 500,000.00 in order to plan in advance for future needed replacement purchases for the Fire Dept.

The next step is to find the options for funding.

Trustee Phil Hurlbutt, will determine how to raise the milage and how much Howard can set the milage without a vote.

Determine the value of 1 mil (Dep Clerk)

Things to yet be determined: Cost of an audit of the township to determine how big a rainy-day fund is needed and what can be used to determine budgets moving forward.

Trustee Mike Daly brought up the fact that funding the new fire truck and the fire department on an ongoing basis are two different issues that need to be addressed. An increased milage might get operating expenses but it cannot buy a fire truck. A special assessment might be needed to fund the fire truck and an increase in Milage might be needed for operating expenses.

Next meeting is set for September 26th, 2023 at 6:30pm

Adjournment: Adjourned 7:25pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk