

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 21st, 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, Mike Daly, Sheri Wozniak, Bill Kasprzak, Hank Johnson, Phil Hurlbutt were present. Gary Conover was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the January 17th, 2023 regular meeting minutes, carried.  
A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 special meeting minutes, carried.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer Gordon read the February 2023 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak to accept the February 2023 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$1,072,545.72 and an ending balance of \$1,214,280.53 carried.

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Departmental Reports**

County Commissioner Jeremiah Jones introduced himself as the new chairperson for the county commissioners and the representative of the majority of Howard Twp. The building department continues to be busy. The Sheriff announced a vaccine clinic at Animal Control this Saturday from 9am-2pm, please call for a reservation and remember to get your pet licensed by the end of the month. Catalytic converter thefts continue to be an issue, county wide. Car/deer accidents continue to be the leading cause of accidents. He is still hiring, if anyone is interested in Law Enforcement, they provide training. The Fire department had 48 EMS calls and 7 FIRE calls. SMCAS had 55 calls for service in Howard Twp last month. The parks department is quiet, preparing budgets for next year. Disc golf has been steady even during the winter months. The bathrooms at Pepper Martin Park are in need of repair. Hoping to complete within this budget year. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve the monthly reports, carried.

**Information:** A discussion was started as to future funding for emergency services. Comparable township statistics were offered for comparison.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Approve** Moving April board meeting to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon, Carried.  
**Approve** April 29<sup>th</sup> as clean-up day from 8am to 11:30am. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak, Carried.  
**Approve** Policy for Associate Firefighters. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak, Carried.  
**Approve** Resolution 2023-001 Alt date for July BOR. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak, Carried.  
**Approve** Resolution 2023-002 Poverty Exemption for 2023. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, Carried.  
**Approve** Resolution 2023-003 Alt date for December BOR. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Gordon, Carried.

**Correspondence**

**Other Business from the Board**

**Public Comment**

Jerry Rudlaff, 1107 Carberry, spoke about truck traffic on Carberry.  
Rick Peterson, 2564 Yankee St, spoke about fire department funding.  
Barb Green 2474 Hand Rd, spoke about SMCAS funding.  
Tami McIntee 1736 Dodd Rd, spoke about solar.  
Matt Neimas 1422 Thomson Rd, spoke about solar.

Tom Cauffman 1073 Carberry Rd, spoke about solar.  
Morgan Friend 2015 Korn St, spoke about solar.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at 7:50 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk