

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 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, Gary Conover, and Phil Hurlbutt were present.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Gordon to approve the May 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the June 2023 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to accept the June 2023 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$ 1,281,856.37 and an ending balance of \$1,365,124.96 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

County Commissioner Jeremiah Jones spoke about a contest to design half of a challenge coin. The Board will use the challenge coin as a means to improve moral in the county and reward those employees with meritorious service. Blight enforcement will continue to ramp up. He is working on balancing the county budget, which currently has a 1.5-million-dollar budget deficit. The building department continues to be busy. There is currently a burn ban. The Fire department had 45 EMS calls and 19 FIRE calls. The Fire Department will be celebrating its 75th birthday this fall and will have an open house on August 26th from 11-5. The pancake breakfast for project graduation was a success, and field day at Howard school was fun for the kids and the firefighters able to attend. The parks are continuing to look at replacing play structures. Vandals stole part of the swing set at Kiddie Corral park. SMACS ran 61 calls in the township. They are currently hiring with the help of education grants. The new squad car is almost ready for service for the Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the township. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information: Proposal 2 will cost townships an estimated 20,000 per precinct.

Old Business

New Business

Approve Fall clean up date set for September 16th from 8-11. Details still to be worked out in order to provide more people access. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly, Carried.

Approve The Niles Service League use of community hall for their meetings A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Kasprzak, Carried.

Approve Firework request for Scott Carli. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Conover, Carried.

Correspondence

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:35 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk