

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
October 10, 2017 5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call

Craig Bradfield called the special meeting of the Howard Township Board of Trustees to order at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was held at the Township Business Office, 1345 Barron Lake Road, Niles. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members Craig Bradfield, Sheri Wozniak, Bill Kasprzak, Mike Daly, Mike Gordon and Hank Johnson answered roll call. Linda Rudlaff was absent. Also, 15 people signed in for the public hearing.

Approval of Agenda

The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. No comments were made. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson to approve the Agenda, carried.

Public Hearing

Supervisor Bradfield opened the Public Hearing at 5:35 pm. After reading the hearing rules, Mr. Bradfield explained this hearing was to hear those opposed to being placed on the assessment roll for the SMCAS renewal of the \$20.00 for ambulance service. Mr. Bradfield read received correspondence into the record. James and Joanne Wagley at 2279 White Street, Niles, oppose the assessment. Barb Green at 2474 Hand Road, Niles, opposes the assessment. Supervisor Bradfield opened the floor to residents in opposition of the assessment. Larry Eckler of 1878 Barron Lake Road, Niles, opposes charging vacant land. . Greg Conrad of 2276 Lake Street, Niles, opposes the assessment, especially for farmers and retired people. Michael Bakerson of 1223 Rose Drive, Niles, opposes assessing vacant land. Betty Kirkendall at 2542 Reese, Niles, opposes multiple assessments. Mrs. Sriver at 2489 Dick Street, Niles, opposes the assessment due to the availability of extra funds, especially after the embezzlement. Nathan Kramb of 1977 Barron Lake Road, Niles, opposes the extra funding and is concerned over all the extra taxes. Mr. Roger Anderson of 1690 Anderson Road, Cassopolis, opposes assessing vacant parcels. Deputy Clerk Munger reminded everyone that the assessment could be opposed to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Adjournment

A motion was made byBradfield, supported by Johnson to adjourn at 6:12 pm

Sheri D. Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk