

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

Craig Bradfield 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 Craig Bradfield, Sheri Wozniak, Linda Rudlaff, Hank Johnson, Mike Daly, David Brawley and Ashley Wentz answered roll call. Undersheriff Behnke, Howard Principal Michelle Asmus and Resident Adrian Bender were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

Supervisor Bradfield amended the Agenda to include the appointment of Shaun Norris and Nick Smith to the fire department under the Fire Department Departmental Report. The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. No comments were made. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Johnson to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to approve the September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 28, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the September 2016 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Wentz to accept the September 2016 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$746,066.67 and an ending balance of \$780,219.41, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Leneway reported 23 calls for service in September 2016, 14 medical and 9 fire calls. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to appoint Nick Smith and Shaun Norris as firefighters, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Brawley to accept the resignation of Josh Sedlar from the fire department, carried. Undersheriff Behnke informed the board that they would be meeting with local superintendents regarding mass shootings after attending the sheriffs' conference in Lansing. He also reminded the Board that now is the time to address medical marijuana dispensaries if they so choose. Also, Mr. Behnke discussed the heroine epidemic in our local communities. Lastly he announced the Township Office would be open Saturday, October 22 from 10 am until 2 pm for a prescription pill collection. Mr. Gordon reported the parks would be closing October 31 and preparations for next year are underway. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Brawley to accept the monthly reports, carried.

Information

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Rudlaff to accept the 2015-2016 Annual Audits, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Rudlaff to set Trick-or-Treat for Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6 pm to 8 pm with no burning on that Sunday or Monday, carried. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson to approve the Poehlmans' 13 Farm Land and Preservation Program Applications (application numbers 2016-1 through 2016-13), carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wentz to appoint Ray Cole as the Plumbing Inspector through March 31, 2016, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Supervisor Bradfield thanked Ed Leneway, Tony Collmer and Bob Ziliak for their help on Clean up Day. Four dumpsters and one scrap metal dumpster were filled.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Bradfield to adjourn at 7:32 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk