

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2018 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 7:01 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, Mike Daly, Mike Gordon, Hank Johnson and Bill Kasprzak answered roll call. Sheriff Behnke, Undersheriff Roach and Deputy Ryan Shields were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

Supervisor Bradfield amended the Agenda to delete Item A, under Information. Mr. Fitz was unable to attend the meeting. No comments were made concerning the Agenda. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Kasprzak to approve the November 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the November 2018 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to accept the November 2018 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$331,869.82 and an ending balance of \$381,252.16, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Leneway introduced Kayla Flenar, who held a fundraiser and purchased an animal rescue oxygen mask for the department. The Board and residents applauded her efforts. Chief Leneway reported 31 emergency calls for November 2018. Sheriff Behnke commended the Board of Trustees for having the “opt out” ordinance on the Agenda. He recommends communities opt out, at least until the State establishes rules regarding the commercial sale of marijuana. He also mentioned the County having their first under age marijuana possession arrest. The sheriff also commended a young deputy for solving two burglaries. Lastly, Mr. Behnke reminded the residents and Board that the Drug Team is still needed in the community for opiates, meth and cocaine. Trustee Kasprzak informed the Board that the LUCAS’ (automatic compression machines) have been received and everyone at SMCAS is being trained. They hope to get to local departments and train first responders soon. Trustee Gordon informed the Board that the Hatcherville pavilion repairs will be completed in the spring; the contractor has been extremely busy. Also, the Park Board is working with new Board Members at Howard Little League and preparing for next season. Gordon also mentioned a wash out in the lower area of Pepper Martin Park that will need fill.

Information

Supervisor Bradfield reappointed the Construction Board of Appeals for a two year term ending December 2020. Upcoming Holiday Closings include December 24-25 for Christmas and December 31-January 1 for New Years. The Fire Department Christmas Tree Sale will begin November 23. Come out and support your local fire association. The Office Christmas Tree is up, please help in decorating it with donations for the students at Howard School. The Township will be accepting donations of gloves, hats, scarves, sweatpants, socks, and long sleeve tee shirts, etc. Monetary donations will be accepted as well.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Bradfield to accept the letter of retirement with regret as of January 31, 2019 of Ed Leneway, the fire chief, carried. A motion was made by Bradfield, supported by Gordon to accept the resignation of Jerry Thibodeau effective December 18, 2018, carried. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Rudlaff to purchase four (4) SMR TK2312 radios with truck brackets and programming, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to approve Ordinance #213, Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance, carried, Daly voted no. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to reappoint Tom Roberts, George Johnson and Chuck Irwin to the Board of Review, term ending December 2020, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kasprzak to appoint Rich McGrew as Interim Assessor through March 31, 2019 at the same monthly budgeted rate, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to reappoint Cliff Poehlman and Tom Roberts to the Planning Commission, term ending December 2020, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

None

Public Comment

Sheriff Behnke applauded the Board for opting out of marihuana establishments at this time; adding that 75% of Colorado communities have opted out. Mr. Cauffman, 1073 Carberry, asked Sheriff Behnke if people could smoke marihuana in public places; no, they cannot.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to adjourn at 7:41 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk