

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

Sheri Wozniak 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 Sheri Wozniak, Linda Rudlaff, Mike Daly, Mike Gordon, Hank Johnson and Bill Kasprzak answered roll call. Craig Bradfield was absent. Jeremiah Fruk, Bradley Quick, Josué Mercado of Howard-Ellis School, Dane Asmus of Ring Lardner, County Commissioner Mike Grice, Sheriff Behnke, and Undersheriff Roach were also present.

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to appoint Bill Kasprzak as meeting moderator, carried.

Approval of Agenda:

No comments were made concerning the Agenda. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Gordon to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Rudlaff to approve the January 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the February 7 and 13, 2019 special meetings minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the January 2019 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak to accept the January 2019 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$303,990.10 and an ending balance of \$449,475.36, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Commissioner Mike Grice reported the commissioners are in the process of hiring a County Administrator and a Finance Director. They are currently working on the job descriptions. Also, county personnel will be using the same email provider throughout and this should take care of the email issues. Fire Chief Corzine reported 8 fire calls and 27 medical calls for January 2019. He also announced the department has some smoke detectors available for those in need. He also thanked Joy's Johns for their recent donation for the purchase of more. He expressed the importance of smoke detectors for the safety our residents. Sheriff Behnke reminded everyone of Animal Control's Vaccination Clinic this Saturday from 10-2. Call Animal Control at 445-3701. Mr. Behnke also informed the board that a lot of stolen property has been recovered through recent search warrants and that meth amphetamines are still a problem in the area. Lastly, he stated several cars have been stolen and it appears the victims are leaving their keys in the car. Please do not store anything of value in your vehicles. Trustee Kasprzak mentioned a rise in car/deer accidents in the Township, Sheriff Behnke confirmed. Trustee Kasprzak reported that SMCAS has purchased three cradle point modems for the ambulances to solve internet service issues while on calls and that SMCAS remains extremely busy. Trustee Gordon reported that the Park Commission has been working on their budget and preparing to open the parks this spring. They are assessing tree issues in Hatcherville Park and have accepted an equipment cost only bid from Custom Fence for repairs at Pepper Martin. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Gordon to approve the monthly departmental reports, carried.

Information

The Township received a thank you letter from Michelle Asmus, Howard-Ellis Principal, for the winter annual donation collection.

Old Business

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to accept the bid from Flags International for the purchase of a new flag pole for the Township Office, carried.

New Business

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Gordon to set a public hearing for the 2019-2020 proposed funds budgets for March 19, 2019 at 6:45 pm, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Daly to approve 2018-2019 budget amendments for the general, improvement capital, new construction, sewer and weed eradication funds, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve the Sherwood land division application for parcel 14-020-026-001-04, carried. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson to appoint Bill Kasprzak as Deputy Supervisor, carried.

Correspondence

Trustee Daly announced the Realty Grant Application is due in March if there is a current project in the Township.

Other Business from the Board

Trustee Daly mentioned a Howard/Milton meeting on February 20, 2019 at Milton Township at 6:30 pm. Because of concerns over monthly reconciliation shortages, Treasurer Rudlaff informed Bruno Eidietis of the Barron Lake Association that the Township received a check from the City of Niles for last month's reconciliation.

Public Comment

The group of students asked the board to consider a hockey league for the township.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Rudlaff to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk