

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

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 Bill Kasprzak, Sheri Wozniak, Linda Rudlaff, Mike Daly, Mike Gordon, and Hank Johnson answered roll call. Sheriff Behnke, Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences and County Commissioner Grice were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to approve the March 19, 2019 special meeting and regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the March 2019 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson to accept the March 2019 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$509,421.03 and an ending balance of \$527,412.94, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Commissioner Mike Grice informed the Board that the County received 41 applications for County Administrator and have narrowed to six. Currently, the County is checking backgrounds on the applicants. Also, he announced there will be a National Drug Take Back Day on April 27, 2019; Howard Township will have a drop box from 10 am till 2 pm. Lastly, Mr. Grice stated the Hazardous Waste Day would be May 11, 2019 from 9 am to 12 pm at the fairgrounds, and there will be a Tire Collection Day in August 2019. Fire Chief Corzine reported a total of 37 calls for service in March; 26 medical and 11 fire calls. Chief Corzine also informed the Board that extrication training would be taking place at Holt's over the weekend. Corzine also asked that residents burn safely and call for burn permits. The department as a whole is doing well; and has enlisted four new probationary firefighters in the last month. Chief Corzine mentioned Opening Day for Howard Little League on April 27 and firefighters would be in the parade. Also, the department will have a presence during games, as long as schedules and calls permit. Lastly, the firefighters will be having a Swiss Steak Dinner May 3, \$10.00 a ticket. Sheriff Behnke mentioned the Drug Take Back Day on April 27, 2019 and pills will be accepted at the Township Office from 10 am to 2 pm. Mr. Behnke announced this being National Distracted Driving month; be aware at all times, especially now that the weather is getting nice and there are pedestrians and bicyclists along the roadways. Lastly, he stated car/deer accidents are still on the rise. Supervisor Kasprzak stated the cash purchase of the new ambulance allows SMCAS to have three good backup units. Kasprzak also clarified that the old ambulance sold to the South Bend School Corporation for \$1.00 had no real value and the last ambulance lease should be paid off later this year. May 19-25, 2019 is EMS Awareness Week. Trustee Gordon reported opening Day for Little League and the parade on April 27 and that the annual water testing at the parks is underway. The Park Board will be focusing on tree care in the parks this year to ensure park safety. Parks are open. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Gordon to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

Come out and support our youth, Little League Opening Day and Parade April 27

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to accept Bill Kasprzak resignation from the Trustee Position to fulfill his appointment as Township Supervisor, carried. Jennifer Jermalowicz-Jones of Restorative Lake Sciences presented plans for the five year plan for weed eradication in Barron Lake. She stated their focus would be eliminating invasive species while bringing back native plants. They will not be using contact herbicides. The new treatment should treat the lake with the end result being a healthier lake as a whole. Restorative Lake Sciences will be on the lake several times monitoring. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon, to approve Resolution 2019-003, Tentatively Setting Assessment District for Weed Eradication of Barron Lake, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Rudlaff, to approve the Eckstein land division application for parcel 14-020-023-006-00, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, to approve the Mayer land division application for parcel 14-020-029-045-00, carried. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Johnson, to approve the Shelton land division application for parcel 14-020-009-032-05, carried. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Johnson, to appoint Phil Hurlbutt as Trustee until November 2020 Election, carried. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Rudlaff, to set Clean-up Day as May 18, 2019 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am, vouchers required, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon, to approve Resolution 2019-004, Use of the Fire Station by Nonprofit Organizations Policy, carried. A motion made by Gordon, supported by Rudlaff to approve the 2019-2020 road contracts for Conrad Road and Royal Drive, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Trustee Daly announced a Howard/Milton Merger meeting on April 17 at 6 pm in Milton Township Hall. Supervisor Kasprzak thanked the Board for sending him, Sheri and Linda McGregor to the Annual Convention. Supervisor Kasprzak wants to challenge everyone, including the residents, to think about their future vision for the Township. He wants us all to work together for the betterment of the Township.

Public Comment

No comments made.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Kasprzak adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk