

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 17, 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 7:00 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, Mike Daly, Mike Gordon, Hank Johnson and Bill Kasprzak answered roll call. County Commissioner Grice and Sheriff Behnke were also in attendance.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Supervisor Bradfield amended the Agenda to include approval of the March 20, 2018 special meeting minutes. 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 as amended, carried.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Johnson to approve the March 20, 2018 special and regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer Rudlaff read the March 2018 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kasprzak to accept the March 2018 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$625,957.53 and an ending balance of \$618,877.81 carried.

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Departmental Reports**

Sheriff Behnke announced a pill drop for April 28 from 10 am until 2 pm. Please drop off unused and unwanted pills, no liquids or needles will be accepted. Also, drops are located at the Sheriff's Office, Council on Aging and at the Dowagiac Police Department everyday for your convenience. Behnke also announced Hazardous Waste Day on May 19, 2018, 9-noon, at the County Fairgrounds in Cassopolis. Mr. Behnke informed the Board that ballot language for the 911 millage renewal has been approved and will appear on the ballot later this year. Lastly, the sheriff reported that Deputy Brawley had arrested two suspects in a Burton Road break-in. Trustee Kasprzak informed the Board that the SMCAS Assistant Director had resigned and they have not decided whether or not to fill the position. Trustee Gordon reported that the Park Board has approved a bid with Indiana Electronics for security cameras that record. And, the Board continues to work toward internet service at Pepper Martin Park. Also, Gordon reported water testing and chlorination are underway at the parks and the Board is collecting bids to replace the older press box at Pepper Martin. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Johnson to approve the monthly reports, carried.

**Information**

A pill drop is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10 am until 2 pm at the Township Business Office. Howard Little League Opening Day and Parade is April 28, 2018 (parade starts at 9 am). Cass County Hazardous Waste Collection will be May 19, 2018, 9-noon at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Township Clean Up Day is May 19, 2018 8:30 am till 11 am or until dumpsters are full (must have a voucher). There will be a tire Collection Day on August 4, 2018. Housemasters, the annual township property inspection contractor, has completed their first report and it is available at the office for review.

**Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Johnson to approve the bid from Andy Lace Construction for the roofing and repairs on the garage at the office, carried. A motion was made by Bradfield, supported by Kasprzak to approve the bid from Rieth-Riley for the asphalt parking lot and drive at the fire station, carried. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to approve the Firework Display Application of Scott Carli, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Daly to approve Ordinance #210, Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance prohibiting the use of shipping containers on properties, carried, Kasprzak, Johnson and Gordon voted no. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Johnson to approve the Mathis land split application for Parcel #14-020-021-047-00, carried. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to approve the Floor request for a new connection to the sewer system, carried.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Other Business from the Board**

Fire Station Project Update – in the final stages of construction and coming in close to budget

### **Public Comment**

Scott Lundberg of 1069 Carberry thanked the board for their support for no thru trucks on Carberry Road, and informed the board of the next Cass County Road Commissioners Meeting. Also, Mr. Lundberg informed the board members that Bruske and Modineer Trucks have increased on Carberry since the frost laws have lifted. Todd Mokwa of 1110 Carberry also discussed traffic and police coverage. Mr. Mokwa also reported a large pothole on Carberry just before Lake Street. Dennis McKenzie of 1057 Carberry mentioned the confusion over the grant application, but appreciates the board's efforts. Debbie Floor reported the curve shoulder on Lake Street near Prospect Point.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk