

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 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, Mike Daly, David Brawley, Hank Johnson and Ashley Wentz answered roll call. Commissioner Bob Ziliak and Judicial Candidate Scott Teter were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

Supervisor Bradfield amended the Agenda to delete Item A. SMCAS 2016-2017 Budget Public Hearing under Public Hearing and to delete Item A. Resolution 2016-003 under New Business. The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. No comments were made. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Brawley to approve the Agenda as amended, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Wozniak to approve the March 15, 2016 special meeting minutes as written, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Brawley to approve the March 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Rudlaff to approve the April 13, 2016 special meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the March 2016 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wentz, supported by Rudlaff to accept the March 2016 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$818,409.08 and an ending balance of \$882,244.81, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Chief Leneway reported 25 medical and 7 fire calls for March 2016. Treasurer Rudlaff requested approval from the Board for a purchase of a gas meter on behalf of the fire department. The Board approved the purchase for under \$2,000.00, anything over \$2,000 must advertise for quotes. Trustee Wentz reported revenues of \$461,535.17 and expenditures of \$183,390.31 with a balance of \$43,693.00 in the general checking account for SMCAS. Park Board Member Bedell-Deutscher stated six new handicap signs have been posted at Pepper Martin Park and a split rail fence has been placed. Howard Baseball League donated the money for a new scoreboard to be placed at Pepper Martin Park. Also, the walking trail landscaping will be complete within the next couple months. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

Pill Drop Off Day is April 30, 2016 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Township Business Office. Cass County Hazardous Waste Collection will be May 21, 2016, 9-noon at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

Public Hearing

The SMCAS Budget Public Hearing was canceled

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Bradfield, supported by Wozniak to approve Resolution 2016-004 Ballot Wording for New Building Proposal, carried. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Brawley to set Clean Up Day for May 14, 2016 8 am to 11 am or until dumpsters are full. Residents must get a voucher from the Township Office. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Daly to hire Peggy Raschke for the cleaning position, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Treasurer Rudlaff informed the board that residents have requested weekend police coverage.

Public Comment

Judicial Candidate Scott Teter introduced himself and gave details on his qualifications, such as; serving as Assistant Attorney General, served ten years as Cass County Prosecutor, and initiating, building the current child support collection program. He stated he would listen, speak, be fair, be tough and could be trusted with this important position within our County. Bill Kasprzak thanked area residents and restaurants for their support of our firefighters during the hazardous accident. He also commended Chief Leneway and Assistant Chief Hattenbach on their efficient handling of the accident. It could have been a disaster for our community and their leadership protected us all. He was thankful for the cooperation of neighbors, businesses and area departments. Well testing is underway with the possibility of permanent test well sites. Pat Kelley asked for information about the proposed new building, Supervisor Bradfield explained the request.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk