

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 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. State Representative Candidate Dean Hill, Commissioner Bob Ziliak, Sheriff Rick Behnke and three representatives from Wolverine Pipeline; Tom Shields, Louis Kraus and Terry Swisher 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 Bradfield, supported by Gordon to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Johnson to approve the April 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the April 2018 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Kasprzak to accept the April 2018 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$618,877.81 and an ending balance of \$527,649.76, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Leneway reported 23 medical calls and 9 fire calls for April 2018. Treasurer Rudlaff suggested having two fire inspectors in the township. She further asked the board to appoint Ed Leneway and Joe Korp for the two positions. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Johnson to appoint Ed Leneway and Joe Korp as fire inspectors and to split the \$200.00 monthly salary, carried. Sheriff Behnke reported 370 lbs of medications collected at the pill drop on April 28. Also, he reported an increase in accidents, including one fatality. The accidents included distracted drivers and motorcycles and the sheriff reminded everyone to drive safely. Also, the sheriff stated that the new contracted hours will allow the new officer to work everyday in a two week period. Lastly, on August 7 there will be a 911 millage renewal proposal. Trustee Kasprzak reported that SMCAS remains busy, the new unit is expected in July and they continue to work toward reducing costs. Trustee Gordon reported that the parks have working cameras, chlorinated water, and are collecting bids for PA system upgrade. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Kasprzak to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

A pipeline safety and public awareness program was presented by Louis Kraus (Right of Way and Claims & Public Affairs Specialist), Tom Shields (Engineer), and Terry Swisher (Niles Supervisor) of Wolverine Pipe Line Company. Throughout the program they encouraged everyone to "Call 811". There are 200,000 accidents in a year that calling 811 could prevent. 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).

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Daly to approve the Zavoral land split application for Parcel #14-020-021-052-00, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kasprzak to approve the road marking bids for the 2018-2019 road contracts, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

None

Public Comment

Bob Ziliak recapped the County Hazardous Waste Day and the Township Clean Up Day on May 19. Scott Lundberg of 1069 Carberry asked the board to attend the Cass County Road Commission Meeting Thursday at 9 am. John Medlin of 2555 Huntly Road stated he was being harassed by the township for burning during a burn ban and for placement of a shipping container on his property without a permit. The board informed Mr. Medlin that we are complaint based ordinance enforcement (other than state codes and laws) and that calling for a free burn permit keeps the department aware of controlled burns and allows the township to inform residents of any burn bans in effect.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk