

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 19, 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 Gordon, Hank Johnson and Bill Kasprzak answered roll call; Mike Daly was absent. County Commissioners Bob Ziliak and Mike Grice, Sheriff Rick Behnke, Milton Township Supervisor Robert Benjamin and State Representative Candidate Brad Paquette, 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 Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the Agenda, carried.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Rudlaff to approve the May 15, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer Rudlaff read the May 2018 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Johnson to accept the May 2018 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$527,649.76 and an ending balance of \$507,083.07, carried.

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Departmental Reports**

Fire Chief Leneway reported 12 medical calls and 8 fire calls for May 2018. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Kasprzak to appoint Ty Parker as a firefighter after finishing #1 in his Firefighter 1 and 2 classes, carried. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Rudlaff to appoint Jordan Johnson as a firefighter after finishing #2 in his Firefighter 1 and 2 classes, carried. Sheriff Behnke reported several roads in Jefferson Township being washed out and reminded residents to be aware while driving. Also, the lakes are high throughout the County and people are placing no wake signs and the DNR is the only agency with that authority. Mr. Behnke also reported several accidents, including one fatality. The sheriff also asked for support on the 911 millage renewal on the August ballot. Lastly, he introduced the new officer fulfilling the Howard Township contract, Ryan Shields. Bruno Eidietis asked the sheriff about the extra patrols on Barron Lake. Sheriff Behnke stated residents on the lake have donated to increase lake patrols. Trustee Kasprzak reported that the SMCAS Board is considering adding CO detectors to the medic bags that will alert the medics if CO is present when they enter a structure. Also, the new ambulance should be here this week and it is being paid for with cash. They have settled the employee contract, which includes a 2% raise and new uniforms. Lastly, they are reviewing employee hours and safety. Trustee Gordon reported things are smooth in the parks and the new camera system is working. He also reported that Niles Community Schools has a lunch program at Sholtey Park. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Johnson to approve the monthly reports, carried.

**Information**

There will be a passenger tire collection on August 4, 2018 free to county residents. It will be held 9 am till noon or until the trailers are full at the Old County Courthouse.

**Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to approve the bid from Buckets Carpentry for the entrance ramp on back of township office, carried. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Rudlaff to approve the bid from Selge Construction for repairs of Barron Lake Road sewer lids, carried. A motion was made by Bradfield, supported by Rudlaff to create an exploratory committee comprised of three board members and two residents to investigate the positive and negative impacts of sharing services with Milton Township or consolidate with Milton Township with the possibility of becoming a charter township, carried, Kasprzak voted no. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Wozniak to approve the Poehlman land split application for Parcel #14-020-014-005-00, carried.

### **Correspondence**

None

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

None

### **Public Comment**

Candidate Brad Paquette introduced himself and is running for State Representative 78<sup>th</sup> District. He is a Niles school teacher and intends to make waves in education and give educators a platform. He also plans to empower localities, he believes in local controls. Lastly, he plans to attend many meetings and to connect with residents; he wants to know the people his job affects. Scott Lundberg of 1069 Carberry thanked Bill Kasprzak, Commissioner Ziliak and Commissioner Grice for representing the residents on Carberry Road. Mr. Kasprzak stated he had been circulating letters to local businesses about rerouting their trucks. Mr. Gordon (2298 Yankee), Mr. Mokwa (1110 Carberry) and Mr. Rudlaff (1102 Carberry) also asked for continued support in stopping truck traffic on Carberry Road. Mr. Mokwa also applauded Deputy Shields in making his presence known. Bruno Eidietis mentioned the overflow added for Barron Lake has kept the lake from overflowing. He also informed the Board that the lake association is pursuing other alternatives for treating Barron Lake weeds. He also asked the board to extend the current weed special assessment one more year. Connie Dickinson expressed her disappointment in the response from the township regarding the City of Niles and the airport. She mailed certified letters to the Township and the County and received no response. She is asking the township to support the residents affected by the airports aerospace project.

### **Adjournment:**

Supervisor Bradfield adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk