

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 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 Gordon, Mike Daly, Hank Johnson and Bill Kasprzak answered roll call. State Representative Dave Pagel, County Commissioners Mike Grice and Bob Ziliak, and Sheriff Rick Behnke were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

Supervisor Craig Bradfield amended the Agenda to include Item F under new business; Resolution # 2018-005. The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. No comments were made. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Daly to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to approve the June 19, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the June 2018 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson to accept the June 2018 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$507,083.07 and an ending balance of \$466,181.80, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Leneway reported 5 fire and 17 medical calls for June 2018. Also, the Burn Run is Sunday, July 22, 2018. Sheriff Behnke reminded residents that the E911 millage renewal would be on the August 7, 2018 Ballot. He added that the renewal is about half of the 911 budget and that the radio system, phone system and computer system have all been updated in the last three years. Technology uses the bulk of the annual budget for E911. Mr. Behnke also reminded residents to lock their cars, several have been stolen in the County. Trustee Kasprzak reported that the SMCAS remains very busy. Kasprzak was appointed to the SMCAS Safety Board and voted in as Chair. Lakeland has been bought out by Spectrum and this could effect the number of transfers performed by SMCAS. New ambulance should arrive Friday the 20th. Trustee Gordon reported things are quiet; baseball is over and no vandalism so far this year. There is some damage to the pavilion at Hatcherville Park from a tree limb and the water faucet spigot at Sholtey was repaired by Larry Cochran and Hank Johnson. 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. M60 roadwork scheduled for Spring 2019. The Committee for the Howard/Milton Township Review will be Craig Bradfield, Mike Daly, Mike Gordon, Debbie Floor, and Jack Frost.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Gordon to approve Ordinance #211, a Truck Route Ordinance, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kasprzak to grant the Township Supervisor the authority to purchase “Truck Route” and “No Thru Truck” signs, carried. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Gordon to appoint Joe Korp as assistant fire chief; effective August 1, 2018, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kasprzak to appoint Craig Bradfield to the maintenance position, motion failed, Rudlaff, Johnson and Gordon voted no; Bradfield abstained. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Rudlaff to approve Resolution 2018-005, a Resolution limiting truck traffic to primary roads, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Trustee Kasprzak stated that Kachur Tree was efficient and already removed the branches.

Public Comment

Bruno Eidietis informed the board that the triathlon would be taking place on his property on Barron Lake on August 25, 2018. The Lundbergs of 1069 Carberry thanked the board for their stance on truck routes and informed the board of the next Cass County Road Commission meeting. They also mentioned a property on Carberry in need of mowing. Mr. Mokwa also thanked the board for handling the truck issue on our roads. Mr. Leazenby questioned the use of Huntly Road as a truck route; Huntly Road is a primary road. State Representative Dave Pagel (78th District) stopped in to update the board, while on summer break. Mr. Pagel discussed high water levels and no wake zones during emergency situations, principle resident exemptions, aggregate machinery bill, medically frail prisoners and economic recovery. He also introduced himself as a farmer from Berrien Springs running for State Senator District 21.

Adjournment:

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

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk