

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 18, 2017 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 7:15 p.m. The meeting was held at Hope Community Church at 2390 Lake Street, Niles. Pledge of allegiance was recited. Board members Craig Bradfield, Sheri Wozniak, Linda Rudlaff, Mike Daly, Mike Gordon, Hank Johnson and Bill Kasprzak answered roll call. Sheriff Rick Behnke, County Commissioner Grice and Undersheriff Roach 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 Kasprzak, supported by Wozniak to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Gordon to approve the two June 20, 2017 special meetings minutes, June 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes and the June 22, 2017 special meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the June 2017 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to accept the June 2017 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$970,302.19 and an ending balance of \$880,077.46, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Trustee Bill Kasprzak reported 30 Total calls for the fire department in June. Sheriff Behnke reported more boating accidents this year have already been reported than in the last three years. He emphasized the importance of personal floating devices and boater safety, which is available online. Behnke also reminded the public that the passenger tire collection on August 5 would be at the County Building instead of the fairgrounds this year. Trustee Kasprzak announced SMCAS is currently hiring. Park Board member Judy Bedell-Deutscher reported vandalism at Jones Park. The two culprits were caught and she is currently working with a contractor on the repairs and on more security for the parks. Chief Leneway took pictures of the fire damage that occurred. Trustee Daly asked her what information she was waiting for from the board that was mentioned in their meeting minutes. She replied that she never made the request and has resolved the issue, which was communication between the boards, with the supervisor. A motion was made by Rudlaff, supported by Daly to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

Cass County Used Passenger tire collection day will be August 5 from 9 am to noon at the Old Cass County Courthouse, 120 N Broadway, Cassopolis.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon to reappoint Dawn Stange to the Planning Commission for a term ending August 2020, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Rudlaff to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk