

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

Bill Kasprzak 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 Bill Kasprzak, Sheri Wozniak, Linda Rudlaff, Mike Gordon, Phil Hurlbutt, Mike Daly and Hank Johnson answered roll call. Fire Chief Chris Corzine and Sheriff Rick Behnke 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 Gordon, supported by Rudlaff to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to approve the June 20, 2019 special meeting minutes as written, carried. A motion was made by Hurlbutt, supported by Rudlaff to approve the June 20, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the June 2019 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Daly to accept the June 2019 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$411,335.46 and an ending balance of \$358,811.56, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Fire Chief Corzine reported 28 calls for June 2019 and discussed the recent storm clean-up. Sheriff Behnke announced the 2019 free tire (no rims) collection day will be August 10th from 9:00 am to noon at the old court house in Cassopolis. The suspect in the bomb threat at the County Courthouse may face life in prison or be transferred to Federal Courts. Mr. Behnke also mentioned that meth continues to be a problem throughout the county. Deputy Shields encouraged the board to pass proposed Ordinance 214, the Safe Shooting Ordinance, for residential safety. Also, he reminded residents to keep their lawns mowed, township ordinance requires weeds and grass are kept below ten (10) inches. Supervisor Kasprzak informed the board that SMCAS should receive the new ambulance any day. SMCAS also remains extremely busy. Redbud was successful with no serious injuries. Chief Corzine mentioned the Niles Burn Run is scheduled for this Sunday and the run itself will begin at noon. It will follow the same route as last year, please be careful on the roadways. Trustee Gordon stated the parks have quieted down. Hatcherville repairs have been completed and benches have been added at Kiddie Corral. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Hurlbutt to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Daly to table Ordinance #214, the Safe Shooting Ordinance, until the township attorney can review and confirm its validity, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

Commissioner Grice informed the board that the county has gotten 12 AEDs and has passed a Drone Policy. Mr. Reed of 990 Carberry has come to the board for assistance with an ongoing drainage issue at the end of his driveway that he said he has spoken to Commissioner Benjamin about. Supervisor Kasprzak said he would contact the county; County Commissioner Grice stated he has a file, including pictures, on this situation. Treasurer Rudlaff informed the board of a cost recovery of over \$700.00 that has not been collected. She has been trying to work with the resident, but this could end up in court if board chooses to pursue. The board supports the collection of this cost recovery by any means necessary.

Public Comment

No public comments

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon to adjourn at 7:26 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk