

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 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 and Hank Johnson answered roll call. Mike Daly was absent. Assistant Fire Chief Korp was 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 Kasprzak to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Rudlaff to approve the May 21, 2019 special meeting minutes as written, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to approve the May 21, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the May 2019 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon to accept the May 2019 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$473,841.22 and an ending balance of \$411,335.46, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Assistant Fire Chief Korp reported 33 calls for May 2019, 29 medical and 4 fire. The board acknowledge the great job Joe Korp is doing with the fire inspections for the township. The board also acknowledge the great job Deputy Ryan Shields is doing for the residents.

Supervisor Kasprzak informed the board that SMCAS's operating ratio is up and the staff is working diligently to collect past due accounts. One of the newer ambulances is having warranty work done. Also, SMCAS has Red Bud covered over the Fourth of July weekend. Lastly, Frank Dillatori, a SMCAS medic, has earned a Silver Heart; an award for going above and beyond the call of duty. He will be recognized in Washington DC.

Trustee Gordon reported Hatcherville Park pavilion repairs have been completed. Trees in the parks have been trimmed or removed to ensure the safety of all who use the parks. Baseball season has gone well, and there will be a tournament held at Pepper Martin Park. Niles Community Schools will be hosting pop-up libraries at Sholtey Park. Also, the board is still looking into ownership of a section of road by Hatcherville Park. Trustee Johnson questioned the possibility of building bathrooms at parks as discussed in the past; this may be costly to maintain. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Rudlaff to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made by Hurlbutt, supported by Rudlaff to approve Resolution 2019-007, a resolution to place a moratorium on the construction of commercial solar facilities and/or solar panel developments, carried. A motion was made by Hurlbutt, supported by Kasprzak to approve Resolution 2019-008, a resolution to set a special assessment district for a five-year assessment for weed treatment of Barron Lake, carries, Gordon and Johnson voted no.

Correspondence

Kasprzak announced the Boater's Safety Class on June 22, 2019 at the fire station, contact the Sheriff's department if interested.

Other Business from the Board

None

Public Comment

Scott Lundberg reported the next Howard/Milton meeting would be in July. The last meeting, they decided to consider different scenarios and how they affect the townships. Kasprzak stated that the original assessing reasons for considering the merger has changed, making the merger a mute issue.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Kasprzak adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m., carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk