

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2024 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

Supervisor 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, Mike Gordon, Bill Kasprzak, Hank Johnson, Phil Hurlbutt, Mike Daly, Gary Conover and Sheri Wozniak were present.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Conover to approve the amended agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve the July 16, 2024, regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the August 2024 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover to accept the August 2024 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$1,675,642.21 and an ending balance of \$ 1,728,263.68 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Commissioner Jeremiah Jones reported that the Cass County fair was a success. The Fire Department answered 16 Fire calls and 35 medical calls in the last month. The Fire Dept is having a corn and sausage roast on Sept 22 from 3-7 pm. The department received a grant from Firehouse Subs for 30 SCA bottle replacement. The Undersheriff spoke about the department's staffing challenges that are soon to be solved. The parks have been dealing tree issues and have a need for replacing the playground equipment at Pepper Martin Park. 2 new benches are being installed at Jones Park. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Wozniak to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information:

Old Business: There was discussion as the ongoing efforts to purchase a new fire truck. Currently waiting for the December tax billing to ensure that the appropriate milage request is filed.

New Business

Approve Budget amendment for park department for tree trimming for \$20,000.00. A motion was made by Kasprzak, supported by Gordon, Daly voted no. Carried.

Approve ARPA funds for Fire Dept for uniforms. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Conover Carried.

Approve Howard Twp Fire Dept to become BLS-Non transport certified. A motion was made by Woznaik, supported by Johnson, Carried.

Correspondence

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment: Beverly Bennet spoke in support of upkeep for Pepper Martin Park.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:47 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk