

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2025, 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 Fire Department. Pledge to the flag was given. Board members, Mike Gordon, Bill Kasprzak, Hank Johnson, , David Kroa, and Sheri Wozniak were present. Phil Hurlbutt and Gary Conover were absent.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Kroa to approve the agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Kroa, supported by Gordon to approve December 23, 2024, regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the January 2025 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Kroa, supported by Kasprzak to accept the January 2025 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$1,682,087.80 and an ending balance of \$ 1,042,678.46 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

The fire department answered 8 fire calls and 37 medical calls. SMCAS reported 43 medical calls to Howard Charter Township. The parks are working on budget proposals for next year. County Commissioner Jones was re-elected Chair of the board of commissioners and is focused on next years budget. The new Undersheriff Tim Schuur was introduced. Sheriff Roach reported that the department should be full staff by February. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Kroa to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information:

Old Business:

New Business

Approved Public hearing on budget for March 4th 2025 at 6pm. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kroa, carried.

Approved Record meetings for YouTube. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, carried.

Approved \$5000.00 for the purchase of recording equipment. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson, carried.

Approved Resolution 001-2025 Poverty Guidelines. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Kasprzak, carried.

Approved Resolution 002-2025 March Board of Review Date. A motion was made by Kroa, supported by Wozniak, carried

Approved Resolution 003-2025 July Board of Review Date. A motion was made by Kroa, supported by Wozniak, carried

Approved Resolution 004-2025 December Board of Review Date. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, carried

Correspondence

An anonymous letter sent to township was read into the record.

Other Business from the Board

Public Comment:

The public comment was approximately 15 people who spoke in response to the millage increase. Not all who spoke followed protocol and signed up to speak. The following people spoke and gave their names. David Kroa admonished the crowd to treat the employees of the township with respect, especially the deputy treasurer who is collecting taxes. Larry Eckler did not get answers from the supervisor. Lucy Eckler asked if the board thought about the people in the township and did not think we needed to be a charter township. Bill Wozniak accused the board of taking his rights away. Adam Christie inquired about how to recall the board. Ed and Karen McComb expressed concerns over the death threats to board members and also admonished the crowd that they must attend the meetings and pay attention to what is going on. Ed Martz questioned the maintenance of the fire department vehicles. Chad Bower had paperwork on how he thought thing should be run and did not think the board was doing it right. Scott Krieger said that people cannot afford it. John Fairres expressed concerns about the way this was done. Sharon Stevenson thought the township should hire a grant writer. Morgan Frend wondered about the population comparison between the townships. Greg Hodgson thought we should get a grant.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:55 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk