

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
December 23, 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 Fire Department. Pledge to the flag was given. Board members, Mike Gordon, Bill Kasprzak, Hank Johnson, Phil Hurlbutt, David Kroa, and Sheri Wozniak were present. Gary Conover was absent.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to amend and approve the agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Wozniak to approve November 19 and December 17, 2024, regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Gordon read the December 2024 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Hurlbutt to accept the December 2024 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$1,628,414.34 and an ending balance of \$ 932,087.80 carried.

Approval of Bills

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

The Fire Department answered 13 Fire and 31 EMS calls. There were many questions about the fire truck purchase. SMCAS ambulances were busy in the township. The parks are closed for the season. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information:

Old Business:

New Business

Approved Budget meeting dates of Jan 28th and February 4th at 6pm. February 22nd at 10am. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Wozniak, carried.

Approved Mike Daly to Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to end in December 2027. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, carried.

Approved Kevin Kunst to Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to end in December 2027. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, carried.

Approved Dawn Stanage to Planning Commission to a term to end in December 2027, Tom Hable to Planning Commission to a term to end in December 2026, Scott Miller to Plannin Commission to a tern to end in December 2028. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, carried.

Correspondence

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 gave their names. The following people spoke and gave their names. Rita, wanted to know how many people and what shifts. Bryan Smith thought the truck did not need to be replaced. Jason Woods stated that the pumper truck and new truck first out. Scott Krueger complained about the township spending our money. Dave Schelie did not think the process was transparent. Chad Bundy is concerned about where the money is going. Brian Botich did not think the township followed procedure and thought the tax should go away. Rolet Stiepn thought the way the board went about this was wrong, should have gone to a vote. Larry Eckler mentioned a structure fire and other townships helping. Kevin Papznski asked why we didn't get grants. Brian Smith, thought the fire truck did not need to be a bently. Sean Farris didn't understand why we are paying all at once. Carolyn Ninas why not a grant. Papznski wanted to know when we became a charter township. Chad Bundy if station was manned taxes would go down, encouraged people to budget meetings.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:20 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk