

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 19, 2021 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 Bill Kasprzak, Mike Gordon, Mike Daly, Hank Johnson, Phil Hurlbutt, and Sheri Wozniak were present. Gary Conover arrived at 7:23pm.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the September 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes, carried.

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer Gordon read the October 2021 financial report into the record. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Hurlbutt to accept the October 2021 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$707,838.56 and an ending balance of \$787,833.31 carried.

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Departmental Reports**

There were 34 EMS calls and 8 Fire calls for October 2021. Fire Department will host Truck or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Kasprzak reported that SMCAS remains extremely busy with 41 calls in Howard Twp. Trustee Gordon reported that the parks will close for the season on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Disc golf has been very successful and the parks department received a realtor association grant for 2500 that will be used to continue making the disc golf even better. The owner of the old Ellis school has indicated that the park is welcome to the old playground equipment and the park board is in the process of making that happen. The Sheriff continues to be busy in the township. Contrary to social media reports, Howard Twp has always had 1 deputy assigned and that deputy is still serving the residents with distinction. Commissioner Grice reported that there is ARPA training available at the county level and made a note that Supervisor Kasprzak is planning on attending. The county is also conducting a pilot project with broadband in Jefferson Twp with MEC. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Johnson to approve the monthly reports, carried.

**Information**

The Township will be receiving \$638,792.00 in ARPA funds. In consulting with the township attorney, she is in the process of training in how the funds could be spent. A workshop will be scheduled to further look into how to spend the ARPA funds.

The Final draft of the 2020-2021 Audit was presented.

**Old Business**

The subcommittee studying the implementation of the International Property Maintenance Code and Blight Enforcement will be meeting on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30.

A question regarding a statement in the auditor's letter was answered with the Township being assured it has excellent policies and procedures in place.

**New Business**

Approve the Retirement of Charlie Mather, effective 11/1/2022. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly, Carried.

Approve the Retirement of Rena Matthews, effective 03/31/22. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Johnson, Carried.

Approve the promotion of Chris Corp to Assistant Chief of the Howard Twp Fire Department. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Hurlbutt. Carried.

Promotion of Tim Phillips to Captain/Inspector for the Howard Twp Fire Department. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Hurlbutt. Carried.

Approved Watson Tree Service for winter 2021-22 snow removal. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon. Carried.

Approved Resolution 2021-11 Sewer rate increase. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Johnson. Carried.

Approved Resolution 2021-12 to proceed with Moose Lake's request to extend their reclamation plan completion date. Motion made by Wozniak, supported by Gordon. Carried.

Approved Guyott Split 14-020-003-001-02. Motion made by Johnson, supported by Hurlbutt. Carried.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Other Business from the Board**

None

### **Public Comment**

### **Adjournment:**

Adjourned at 7:25 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk