

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order/Pledge/Roll Call:

Supervisor 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 Linda Rudlaff, Phil Hurlbutt and Hank Johnson answered roll call. Sheri Wozniak was absent. UnderSheriff Roach and Chief Corzine were also present. Supervisor Kazprzak introduced the new Dep. Clerk Kristen Daly.

Approval of Agenda:

The floor was open to the residents concerning the Agenda. No comments were made. A motion was made by Rudloff, supported by Hurlbutt, to approve the Agenda, carried.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Rudlaff to approve the June 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Rudlaff read the June 2020 Financial Report into the record. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Daly to accept the June 2020 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$540,643.66 and an ending balance of \$549,412.55, carried.

Approval of Bills

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

Departmental Reports

Supervisor Kasprzak reported that the building department has picked back up and has been issuing permits. Fire Chief Corzine arrived during the meeting but reported 24 medical and 4 fire calls for June 2020. Also, the chief sadly reported that 2 firefighters had submitted letters of resignation, Ty Parker and Theresa Brady. Resignations were accepted by the board. The fire department also reported 3 potential new hires. Undersheriff Roach presented to the Board with both monthly stats and stat from the first six month of 2020. Traffic stats are down due to Covid 19. The Sheriff has been limited the exposure both to his deputies and to the jail. Also, the jail population was reduced due to Covid 19; released inmates according to time already served, type of crime and/or whether electronic devices could be used. Courts are still sentencing people, but there are no jury trials. Sheriff's staff has been working remarkably well with increases in calls, especially for mental health issues, suicides and suspicious activity. Call doe service by the Marine Division have increased as the warm weather had increased. Supervisor Kasprzak reported Covid 19 ambulance transports and the precautions that SMCAS has in place for their employees; including a new piece of equipment that is put in the ambulances and it sterilizes the ambulance. Trustee Gordon announced the parks are now open and following Covid 19 guidelines. Also, the Township Park Commission is working with the local Realtor Association for a grant to redo courts at Hatcherville and Jones Parks. A mention was made that a new Park Board member would be voted on later in the meeting to replace Don Syson who after many years of service to the community passed away. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

Supervisor Kasprzak mentioned that he had invited State Rep. Brad Paquette to speak on revenue sharing and the impact of Covid on budgets, he was unable to make the meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Johnson, to approve the Osban Land Division Application for Parcel 14-020-003-001-15, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon, to approve the Pletcher Land Division

Application for Parcel 14-020-024-001-01, carried. A motion was made by Hurlbutt, supported by Rudlaff to appoint Debbie Floor to Park Board, carried. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Hurlbutt to approve Dep. Treasure's insurance request for \$138.73, carried.

Correspondence

None

Other Business from the Board

None.

Public Comment

Paul Andrus from Invenergy gave an update on the solar fields project, that project had been stalled due to Covid, but was now back up and running. 3600 acres have been put under contract. There are additional acres being looked at. The time frame for construction is 2021 with plug in sometime in 2022-23. A Solar monitor will be installed soon at Dodd rd. to begin collecting data.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Kasprzak adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk