

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2020 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, Sheri Wozniak, Mike Gordon, and Mike Daly answered roll call. Linda Rudlaff, Phil Hurlbutt and Hank Johnson were absent. Sheriff Behnke and Deputy Shields were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Minutes:

A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Daly to approve the May 19, 2020 regular meeting minutes, carried.

Financial Report:

Clerk Wozniak read the May 2020 Financial Report into the record. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Daly to accept the May 2020 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$540,563.85 and an ending balance of \$549,643.66, 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 reported 21 medical and 6 fire calls for May 2020. Also, the chief sadly reported that Project Graduation has officially been canceled for the first time due to Covid 19. Sheriff Behnke informed the Board that the County Building is officially open Wednesday, June 17, 2020. There will be a Covid 19 checkpoint upon entering the building, masks will be required, and a sign in sheet for contact tracing. They've been open for appointments for several weeks. The sheriff's office has been open by appointment and/or screening. Concealed weapon permits registrations last year at this time were 516 total; this year to date the permits total 1,540. 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. There were three positive cases of Covid 19 at the sheriff's office and all have recovered. The health department did a great job regulating all the staff according to Covid 19 guidelines for all exposed. Mr. Behnke reported 105 cases in Cass County, clarifying that number reflects positive test results and certain people have been tested multiple times with positive results for the virus. Lastly, Sheriff Behnke reported the drug team had served four warrants for opioids, heroine, and methamphetamine; none being in Howard Township. Deputy Shields shared a call he went on regarding people target shooting and the bullet traveled about one mile and hit a house about head level. He reminded everyone to be sure to have a berm when target shooting. 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. The next SMCAS meeting will be held at the educational building next to Milton Township Hall. Lastly, a used ambulance that has been rebuilt after an accident with 40,000 miles on it may be purchased for \$25,000.00; they normally spend about \$150,000.00 on an 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. Mr. Gordon also reported that there may be a late season for little leaguers. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Kasprzak to approve the monthly reports, carried.

Information

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A motion was made by Daly, supported by Gordon, to approve the Ronald Pletcher Land Division Application for Parcel 14-020-024-002-01, carried. A motion was made by Gordon, supported by Wozniak, to approve the moose Lake Aggregates, LLC Land Division Application for Parcel 14-020-004-032-01, carried. A motion was made by Wozniak, supported by Daly, to approve the Resolution 2020-005, the Covid 19 Preparedness and Response Plan, carried.

Correspondence

Deputy Clerk Munger reminded the board of the budget cuts that may be necessary due to revenue losses, especially with the Election costs rising due to Covid 19. Munger stating the required protection for election workers and which PPE's the board wants to use.

Other Business from the Board

None.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

Supervisor Kasprzak adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm, carried.

Sheri Wozniak
Howard Township Clerk