

**HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 20, 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 Daly, Hank Johnson, Sheri Wozniak, Mike Gordon and Phil Hurlbutt answered roll call. Linda Rudlaff was absent. Under Sheriff Roach, Deputy Ryan Shields and County Commissioner Mike Grice 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 Johnson supported by Daly, to approve the Agenda, carried.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the September 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes, carried.

**Financial Report:**

Clerk Wozniak read the September 20, 2020 Financial Report into the record. A motion was made by Daly, supported by Gordon to accept the September 2020 monthly financial report as presented with a beginning balance of \$492,551.05 and an ending balance of \$534,631.42, carried.

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Departmental Reports**

Commissioner Mike Grice reported that the Law and Courts building remains closed to the public, however some criminal cases are being held in person. All civil court process is being handled via zoom. On Saturday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a pilldrop off at the township hall from 10-2. Supervisor Kasprzak reported that the building department issued 12 permits for a total value of \$1,583,000.00 added to the community. Supervisor Kasprzak advised that SMACAS continues to be busy. The wheelchair van is in use daily and is being replaced. Undersheriff Roach presented to the Board with monthly stats and advised that unlocked car larcenies continue to be a problem. He urged citizens to lock up vehicles and outbuildings as well as not to keep any valuables inside vehicles. Catalytic converter theft is on the rise, especially from body shops. A rash of theft of political signs is an ongoing problem. A report submitted by the Fire Chief Chris Corzine showed 7 calls for Fire and 16 for EMS. The fire department is hosting a Trunk and Treat event from 12-7:30 pm on Saturday Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Mike Gordon reported that Jones park and Hatcherville park paving projects have been completed. A motion was made by Johnson, supported by Gordon to approve the monthly reports, carried.

**Information**

Howard Twp Fire received a grant for \$17,000 from the Cares Act for hazard pay for Firefighters.  
Howard Twp received a \$5,000 grant from Center for Tech and Civic life for Covid related election expenses.  
A copy of the most recent Covid guidelines from the Michigan Department of Public Health was distributed to the board.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Wozniak seconded by Gordon to approve Halloween Trick or Treating on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30. Motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Kasprzak to approve the MERS updates. Motion carried. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Gordon to approve a 9.99% sewer rate increase. Motion carried. A motion was made by Daly and seconded by Johnson to approve Ordinance 225. Motion carried. A motion was made by

Wozniak and seconded by Gordon to approve the 2019-2020 Audit. Motion carried. A motion was made by Gordon and seconded by Hurlbutt to approve the appointments of Dawn Stanage and Debbie Johnson to the Planning commission for a 3 year and 2-year term respectively. Also, in the motion the appointment of Cathy Stafford for a 1-year period and Scott Miller for a 3-year period to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

None

**Other Business from the Board**

None.

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment:**

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

Sheri Wozniak  
Howard Township Clerk