

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on January 25, 2012 at 4 P.M. at the Howland Township Administration Building, 205 Niles-Cortland Rd NE, Howland Township, Ohio

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – Present
James T Saker – Present
Matthew G Vansuch- Present

A motion was made by James Saker and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to suspend the reading of the January 11, 2012 minutes and accept as written.

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – yea
James T Saker – yea
Matthew G Vansuch - yea

A motion was made Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay all outstanding invoices incurred and approve all warrants issued.

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – yea
James T Saker – yea
Matthew G Vansuch - yea

A motion was made by James Saker and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on **Resolution 2012-11**

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Fire Chief James Pantalone, reappoint George Beck and appoint Joseph Lattanzi as representatives for Howland Township to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependent Fund Board for year 2012.

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – yea
James T Saker – yea
Matthew G Vansuch - yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to vote on **Resolution 2012-12**

Per the recommendation of Fire Chief James Pantalone and Administrator Darlene St. George, promote the following full-time Fire Department employees, effective February 1, 2012:

Theodore Luman Firefighter/Paramedic to Captain/Paramedic
Dennis Johnson Firefighter to Lieutenant

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – yea
 James T Saker – yea
 Matthew G Vansuch - yea

A motion was made by James Saker and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on
Resolution 2012-13

Approve the transfer of January 24, 2012 within in Fund 1 – Police:

1-G-06 (Other Expenses) to 01-G-08 (Fuel) - \$5000.00
(New appropriation code for fuel purchases by Police)

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – yea
 James T Saker – yea
 Matthew G Vansuch - yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to vote on
Resolution 2012-14

Approve establishing the Howland Township History Center:

WHEREAS, the Howland of yesterday is not the Howland of today, and, with each day that goes by, personal memories of what once was fading; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve the story of Howland Township for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the past contains the roots for growth for the present and future; and

WHEREAS, there is not a single, permanent place where this story can be told; and

WHEREAS, a central repository of these artifacts, pictures, memorabilia, and other displays that is open to the public is critical to telling this story; and

WHEREAS, the Internet creates the possibility for more people to learn about Howland Township's history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Howland Township , Trumbull County, Ohio, that the Howland Township History Center be established to accomplish these goals; that the Administrator dedicate appropriate facilities within the Administration Building for these purposes, and that the Administrator, on behalf of the Board, accept and recognize donations to the Howland

Township History Center.

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – yea
James T Saker – yea
Matthew G Vansuch - yea

A motion was made by James Saker and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on
Resolution 2012-15

Honor Howland Township's bicentennial and declaring February 1, 2012 to be the official day of commemoration:

WHEREAS, on January 31, 1798, Joseph Howland bought a tract of land from the Connecticut Land Company in the area of Connecticut Western Reserve that later became Trumbull County; and

WHEREAS, Howland sold 1,600 acres of his land to Captain John H. Adgate and, in 1799, Adgate and his family arrived in the southwestern part of that area, building the Township's first log cabin; and

WHEREAS, more settlers followed and, in 1812, the Commissioners of Trumbull County organized the Range 3, Town 4 into a separate Township and election district, to be known as Howland Township; and

WHEREAS, the early records of that organization and its first officers have been lost; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the General Assembly enacted legislation designating the first day of every February as "Ohio Township"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Howland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, that February 1, 2012 is designated as the day of commemoration for the bicentennial of Howland Township's official organization as a township and that all residents be encouraged to recognize and celebrate two hundred years of success.

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – yea
James T Saker – yea
Matthew G Vansuch - yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to vote on **Resolution 2012-12**

Roll Call: Rick G. Clark – yea
James T Saker – yea
Matthew G Vansuch - yea

Summary of Meeting:

Trustee Saker: Attended Eastgate bike meeting for the purpose of looking at the possibility of Township roads being available for biking. Goals – transportation, mobility and accessibility.

Trustee Clark: Met with the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer to discuss the low water pressure in Avalon Estates. They will try to increase the pressure 10-12 pounds. There is no problem with the fire hydrants. They explained that flow is more important than pressure.

Public Works Director David McCann: The Christmas Tree pick-up has been completed.

Resident Warner Taiclet: President of the Historical Society. Currently conducting a membership drive. The cost: under 18 - \$10; over 18 - \$20; seniors - \$10; family - \$30; and businesses - \$50. Currently there is a limited time offer if you sign up now. You will receive a collage valued at \$20. Andrews Hardware is going to donate items to the museum. At the July 4th celebration, the theme will be based on the bicentennial.

Resident Ray Zeuner, 8531 Red Oak : Happy to live in Howland. Glad that Board is looking at a bike path. Wanted to know if police vehicles could be powered with natural gas. Police Chief Monroe stated that it would not be cost effective.

Planning & Zoning Director Kim Mascarella: Zoning Board of Appeals approved a variance for IRG who is leasing the space to BJ Allen Fireworks. They will employ 250.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 P.M.

Approved by: Robert M. Costello Dated: 1/29/12
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Rick Clark Dated: 1.29.12
Rick Clark, Chairperson