

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on February 22, 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 Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to suspend the reading of the February 7, 2012 minutes and accept as written.

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

A motion was made James Saker and seconded by Matthew Vansuch 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 Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to vote on **Resolution 2012-19**

Approve the Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2012 in order to provide for the current expenses and expenditures of said Howland Township Board of Trustees (copy attached in its entirety).

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 2012-20**

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, adopt procedures for the appointment and utilization of alternate members of the Howland Township Zoning Commission (copy of resolution attached in its entirety).

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 2012-21**

Approve to appoint Robert Nemeth and Robert Tucker as alternate Zoning Commission members, and they will serve a three (3) year term, effective April 1, 2012.

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 2012-22**

Authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to destroy unused checks from Huntington Bank for the following checking accounts:

Acct 23037789	Check numbers	1470 – 2100
Acct 1789729766	Check numbers	11347 - 12599

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 2012-23**

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve to apply for the the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District 2012 Scrap Tire Collection Program Grant.

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

Summary of Meeting:

Trustee Clark: Trustees toured Paige & Byrnes new offices in Howland. They have a community room available to citizens of Howland.

Planning & Zoning Director Mascarella: Food bank to be established in Bolindale through Health Department Grant. Second Harvest Food Bank will provide the food. The Township will also collect food for the food bank.

Zoning Commission will meet every 3rd Wednesday of this year.

Fire Chief Pantalone: Howland Fire Dept. responded to an incident at R.G. Steel an incident over the weekend. Applications are closed to hire full-time positions. Also working to upgrade the web site.

Fiscal Officer Costello: Received from Judge Thomas Swift an "Entry of Recognition" to commemorate the 200 year Anniversary of Howland Township.

Resident: Karen Fetchko, 238 Henn Hyde: Concerned about drilling and fracking of wells. Wanted to know if Township is allowing this and can we assess fees for remediation? Also, what can citizens do about this.

Trustee Vansuch: The Township will not be leasing any of our properties. All our properties are for natural preserves. The fees are up in the air currently. Citizens can contact their state legislators.


Resident: Jenny Jacobs 4475 Berkshire – Jacobs passed out pamphlets – Emergency Procedures and Contacts for Gas Well Drilling Contamination Incidents and Hydraulic Fracturing Exposed. Wanted to know if there are any wells scheduled to be drilled in Howland Township.

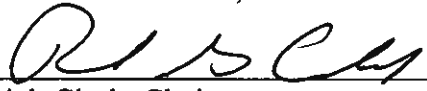
Trustee Vansuch: At this time we have not received any notification of any wells slated for drilling in the Township.

Niles Resident - John Williams: Does the Township have any plans for using brine on their roads for ice control? Worried since they can't inject it into the wells, they might start using on roads.

Public Works Director David McCann: We have no plans on using brine.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 P.M.

Approved by:  Dated: 2/23/12
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:  Dated: 2/27/12
Rick Clark, Chairperson