

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on June 27, 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

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A motion was made by James Saker and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to suspend the reading of the June 13, 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 2012-79**

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise the 2012 Hot Mix Resurfacing Program. Bid specifications will be available at the Howland Township Administration Building, 205 Niles-Cortland Road N.E. at a cost of \$10.00 per bid package.

**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 2012-80**

Board of Trustees authorize to schedule a Public Hearing on July 11, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., immediately following the regular meeting, to review the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and the Trumbull County Planning Commission in regards to the following proposed text amendments to the Howland Township Zoning Resolution:

Section 5(V) – Corridor Review District Uses and Standards  
Section 10 – Signage (Outdoor Advertising)  
Section 17 - Parking

**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 2012-81**

Per the recommendation of Zoning & Planning Director Kim Mascarella, accept the quote from Holton, Inc. for the amount of \$4,800.00 for the demolition of the structure located at 1925 Stillwagon Road, Howland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio

Other Quote Received:  
CR Electric Inc                      \$6,450.00

**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 2012-82**

WHEREAS, the following list of properties have been cited during the month of June, 2012 in violation of the Howland Township Zoning Ordinance Section 8, A-8; Howland Township Resolution 2003-58 (Abatement, Control or Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse or Other Debris), and Howland Township Resolution 2002-93 (Establish Fines) where the yards have not been maintained; and

WHEREAS, Howland Township has received complaints from neighbors of said properties that the condition interferes with the reasonable enjoyment or use of property, and high grass and/or garbage, refuse or debris poses a safety and health threat to the neighborhood. The unsightly appearance of the properties is detrimental to the aesthetic value of the neighborhood and would cause a depreciation of property values; and

WHEREAS, the Howland Township Planning and Zoning Office has not heard from any of the property owners, by telephone or mail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:  
Howland Township declares and finds the following properties to be a nuisance.

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PARCEL ID</u>
9147 Ewalt Avenue	28-658200
2206 Elm Road	28-481401
4006 Fairlawn Hts.	28-090970
2490 Weir Road	28-422800
3588 Hightree Avenue	28-382460
561 Burning Oaks Drive	28-599390
2334 Silver Fox	28-422100
8701 King Graves Road	28-431481

**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 2012-83**

Per the recommendation of Public Works Director David McCann, approve to expend up to \$15,000.00 as the Township's share for the Springwood Trace culvert replacement project.

**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 2012-84**

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to transfer within General Fund 1:

01-A-27 (Transfer) to 01-M-03 (Paving Contracts)                      \$15,000.00

(Covers cost of Springwood Trace preparation to pave)

**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 2012-86**

Authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to advertise the sale of 18 bikes on LightGov at a minimum bid of \$5.00 per bike.

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

A public hearing was held immediately following the regular Trustees meeting to review the Alternative Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2013. The Board of Trustees reviewed the budget and the following motion was made.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by James Saker to vote on  
**Resolution 2012-85**

Per the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Robert Costello and Administrator Darlene St. George, approve the Alternative Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 and recommend for consideration to the Trumbull County Budget Commission (copy attached).

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

**Summary of Meeting:**

Trustee Vansuch: Historical Society donated pictures to the Township. The Township has had them framed and they will be available at the Butler Institute of Art of July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 P.M. Will celebrate Howland Township's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday with current and former Township officials and learn more about Joseph Howland, and the Township's settle, Captain John Adgate, and their descendants. There will be music by Take II and refreshments.

Trustee Saker: Attended the Safety Town program put on by the Howland Fire Dept. Children learned about safety practices. Certificates were presented to approximately 50 children.

Asst Fire Chief Tim Thomas: Safety Town was for 5 days from 9-noon. There were 29 volunteers from the High School and 9 instructors.

Police Chief Paul Monroe: Commend Jeff Spatar who apprehended the burglar that broke into a home on North Road.

Public Works Director David McCann: Painting and sanding benches and Gazebo for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Planning & Zoning Director Kim Mascarella: Farmers Market will start this Saturday and run through mid-October.


Resident Judith Groom, 3080 Valacamp: House located on corner of Ridge and Valacamp – door is open (3127 Ridge Road). Every time they pave the road it gets higher. Need ditches or culverts to catch the water coming off the road. Garages usually get water in them. Public Works Director David McCann stated he would stop and look at situation.

Robyn Patton, First Energy: Asked if we had any concerns or needs.

A motion was made by James Saker and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

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

Approved by:  Dated: 6/28/12  
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:  Dated: 7.2.12  
Rick Clark, Chairperson