

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on May 27, 2015 at 4:30 P.M. at Howland Township Administration Building, 205 Niles-Cortland Rd. N.E., Howland Township, Ohio

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – Present  
Dr James Lapolla – Present  
Matthew G Vansuch- Present

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Boy Scout Cameron Cramp led the everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James Lapolla to suspend the reading of the May 12, 2015 minutes and accept as written.

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – yea  
Dr. James J Lapolla – yea  
Matthew G Vansuch – yea

A motion was made by Dr. James Lapolla and seconded by Rick Clark to authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to pay the attached list of vendors and approve warrants issued.

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – yea  
Dr. James J Lapolla - yea  
Matthew G Vansuch – abstain

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

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – yea  
Dr. James J Lapolla - yea  
Matthew G Vansuch – yea

A motion was made by Dr. James J Lapolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2015-46

Approve to schedule a Public Hearing on June 24, 2015 at 4:30 P.M. , immediately following the regular meeting, to review the Annual Alternative Tax Budget of Howland Township for the next succeeding fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – yea  
Dr. James J Lapolla – yea  
Matthew G Vansuch – yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James Lapolla to vote on Resolution 2015-47

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Fire Chief James Pantalone, approve to hire Sonjia Ferenac as Variable Hour Part-Time Employee at a rate of \$8.53/hour with no benefits and scheduled on an "as needed basis".

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – yea  
Dr. James J Lapolla – yea  
Matthew G Vansuch – yea

A motion was made by Dr. James J Lapolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2015-48

WHEREAS, the following list of properties have been cited during the month of May, 2015 in violation of the Howland Township Zoning Ordinance Section 8, A-8 Howland Township Resolution 2003-58 (Abate, 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>
1168 Stillwagon	28-495500
8164 Cherry Hill Dr.	28-595560
1008 North Road (at Bruce)	28-130200
3435 Birchwood Ave.	28-622000
3313 Larchmont Ave.	28-191800
7899 Castle Rock	28-045984
7695 Glen Oaks	28-012250
7908 Cherry Hill Dr.	28-012069
8017 Raglan	28-900396

8102 Castle Rock	28-237371
2206 Elm Road	28-481401
371 Clifton Ave.	28-292700
1947 Ewalt Ave.	28-658200

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – yea  
Dr. James J Lapolla – yea  
Matthew G Vansuch – yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James Lapolla to vote on Resolution 2015-49

Approve to reschedule the meetings for June, July and August to one meeting a month. Meetings will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 22, and August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – yea  
Dr. James J Lapolla – yea  
Matthew G Vansuch – yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James Lapolla to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Rick G. Clark – yea  
Dr. James J Lapolla – yea  
Matthew G Vansuch – yea

Summary of Meeting:

Trustee Vansuch: Thanked Fire Chief Pantalone and Police Chief Monroe for attending the Ways and Means Committee in Columbus and testifying on behalf of all communities on the future of the TPP tax reimbursement.

Public Works Director David McCann: Completed the Ridge Road storm sewer addition. Compiling a list of roads that need skim paving this year.

Zoning Administrator Kim Mascarella: Month of May processed 35 property maintenance complaints. Matt Madgar will help to respond to some low level nuisance complaints.

Christopher Orr, 8196 Venice Drive: Problem with ATV's racing up and down the street at all hours of the day and night. Have called the police numerous times without the matter being resolved. The loud noise and late hours are keeping our children up. Police Chief Mornoe said he knows this is a problem and officers have responded to every call. He will talk to the second shift and ask them to keep a closer watch in that area. Trustee Lapolla asked if they have tried videotaping them. This would provide proof of the violation. Mrs.

Orr stated that she shouldn't have to carry her cell phone on her 24 hours a day. Chief Monroe stated that he will try have them do a better job in responding.

Rebecca McAuley, 251 S. Lynden Court: Wanted to know what the north side of North River is zoned for, and what is planned for the south side of the road since all the gorgeous trees were cut down. Also, why were they cut down? Kim Mascarella stated it is zoned for commercial activity. This would include banks, retail stores, medical offices and restaurants. Trustee Clark stated that they will be replaced. North River Road is a County road and it is a county project. The dangerous ditches were filled in, sidewalks will be installed along with benches and street lighting.

McAuley: Asked about hearing that a round-a-bout on Rt. 46 and North River Road. Mascarella stated that they would have to be studied in length by ODOT. These studies can take 20 to 30 years. Round-A-Bouts are in the Comprehensive Plan for that location but this is not anything you have to have immediate concerns about.

Approved by: *Robert Costello* Dated: *5/29/15*  
Robert Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: *Rick Clark* Dated: *5/28/15*  
Rick Clark, Trustee Chairperson