

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on September 9, 2015 at 6:00 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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A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James Lapolla to suspend the reading of August 26, 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 2015-76

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to transfer monies within the following fund:

01-A-26 (Transfers) to 01-A-07 (Burial Expense)	\$500.00
01-A-28 (Contracts) to 01-M-02 (Materials/Hwy)	\$50,000.00

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 2015-77

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to transfer monies from the following:

General Fund 1 to EDA Planning Grant Fund 30D - \$8,134.25, and request an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Trumbull County Auditor. The \$8,314.25 will be appropriated in 30-A-05D- EDA Planning Grant-Twp.

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 2015-78

Approve to schedule a public hearing on September 23, 2015 at 4:30 P.M., immediately following the Board of Trustees meeting, to review the recommendation of the Howland Township Zoning Commission in regards to proposed text amendments to Section 9: Non-Conformities and Section 17: Parking Facilities of the Howland Township Zoning Resolution.

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 2015-79

WHEREAS, the following list of properties have been cited during the month of September, 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>
8102 Castle Rock	28-237371
504 Howland Wilson	28-417300
3588 Hightree	28-382460
4006 Fairlawn Heights	28-090970
1213 Deforest	28-121400
3115 Fairview	28-411865
1008 North Road	28-130200
3503 Birchwood	28-094550
3435 Birchwood	28-622000
3795 Ravenwood	28-550560
3218 Orchard	28-554861
3219 Orchard	28-279200

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 2015-80

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Zoning Director Kim Mascarella, approve the attached Howland Township Schedule of Zoning Fees, effective October 9, 2015.

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 2015-81

Authorize to schedule a Public Hearing on October 14, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., immediately following the Trustees regular meeting, for the purpose of hearing arguments for and against the demolition of structures which have been declared unsafe and structurally defective by the Howland Township Fire Department and the Trumbull County Building Inspection Department in Howland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio (copy of resolution is attached in its entirety).

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 2015-82

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve Constellation Energy Services – Natural Gas LLC as the preferred supplier for Howland Township's Natural Gas Program in 2015, at a rate of \$3.35/Mcf for the December 2015 to November 2016 billing cycles.

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 6:40 P.M.

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

Summary of Meeting:

Trustee Lapolla: Kind words to the Wellness Committee, David McCann and his employee for delivering the pea gravel and to Darlene for arranging everything for the clean-up day at Bolindale Park. The Wellness Committee has proposed to the Park Commissioners that this be made an annual event.

Administrator St. George: A big thank you to the Trumbull County Health Dept. for the grant money used to purchase gravel, new swings and equipment for Bolindale Park.

Public Works Director McCann: The sanitary sewer project on Ridge Road is complete. The contractor will be finishing up some miscellaneous paving work. Shelly & Sands will start milling work to complete the 2014 paving project. Skim paving should start next week.

Steve Papalas – Trumbull County Engineer's Office: On behalf of Randy Smith, they thanked Howland Township for their participation in the application for a truck wash endeavor. There is no financial commitment up front. If this facility is built, it is free to use, although you will pay for each vehicle that is washed. There will be a meeting tomorrow at 11:30 at the Warren City Council office.

Administrator St. George: The Trustees signed a letter to County Engineer Randy Smith pledging their support. The EPA is coming down hard on all entities. When the Township washes off the salt from the vehicles, you have to collect the debris. Randy Smith is proposing building a collection system at the Engineer's property that we can all use.

Approved by: Robert Costello Dated: 9/9/15
Robert Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Rick Clark Dated: 9/9/15
Rick Clark, Trustee Chairperson