

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on October 11, 2017 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 Dr. James Lapolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to suspend the reading of September 26, 2017 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 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 Lapolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2017-114:

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

Road Fund 4:	
04-A-04 (Tools & Equip) to 04-A-03 (Workes Comp)	\$ 2,000
General Fund 1:	
01-A-27 (Transfers) to 01-A-10(Legal)	\$ 2,000
01-A-27 (Transfers) to 01-A-05A (Postal Equipment Lease)	\$ 1,000
Farmers Market Fund 32B	
32-A-03B (Contracts) to 32-A-05B (Other Exp)	\$ 3,323.92
32-A-04B (Supplies) to 32-A-05B (Other Exp)	\$ 1,998.70

**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 2017-115

Approve to extend for one (1) year a moratorium on the issuance of permits for dispensing marijuana within Howland Township at the expiration of Resolution 2016-78.

**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 7:10 P.M.

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

Summary of Meeting:

Trustee Vansuch: Meeting with Jessica Gault who organized the Christmas Tree Lighting last year. The Lighting will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and be one hour earlier. A lot of interest from the business community and donors. We will be discussing some possibilities for lighting other than having the Public Works Dept. or volunteers do it.

Administrator St. George: The garbage haulers will be picking up the leaves. The same program as last year. If a resident has a different hauler than Republic and they will not pick them up, I will make arrangements to have Republic do a scoop of the Township.

Fire Chief Pantalone: Safety Day was held at Home Depot on Saturday. There was a good turnout. Next year the Fire Dept will work with the seniors that graduate and require them to have a 30 minute CPR class. We have partnered with the schools to provide the next 12 weeks on Wednesday morning a 30 minute CPR understanding, chest compressions and AED use. Juniors and seniors will come out with the required certification.

Police Chief Roberts: The Health Dept. will supply us with a prescription drug drop off box. It will be available Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Our two new hires have completed their field training and are now doing solo patrol.

Public Works Director David McCann: Winding down grass cutting and debris pick-up.

The contractor doing the road paving project has chosen to do half the streets and will be done before any inclement weather. Try to complete the project as long as weather is good. Darlington is a widening project and will be done in the spring.

Zoning Administrator Ross: Three demo permits were issued for houses on Old Orchard and Niles-Cortland Road.

John Keegan, 8475 Squirrel Hill: Last year we paid \$2.69 for the gas and this year it is \$3.45. That is a 28% increase. That is a large increase.

Administrator St. George: We work with a broker to secure the best price. Santana wanted \$4.29 this year. The cheapest fixed rate with no opt out fee was with Constellation Energy for \$3.45.

Keegan: Read where leaves and lawn waste have to go in biodegradable bags for pick-up. That is not how the program ran in the past. Is that a change or is it a typo error.

Trustee Clark: They pick-up 5 bags of lawn waste all year in plastic bags. The leaf pick-up has to be biodegradable bags. That is how it was last year. If you have any problem, please call us.

Keegan: I am disappointed to see speed cameras as a possible item in Howland Township. I look at it as a money grab. I think speed limit signs are a safety device. If you decide to go with the cameras, I think you need to put up signs that say camera enforcement in place.

Police Chief Roberts: We are simply exploring our options. We receive numerous speeding complaints daily. If we arm our officers with a speed camera, you will anticipate whether there is an officer ahead that could get your plate number and you would receive a ticket in the mail versus, I don't see an officer and continue to speed. In other areas where speed cameras are used for enforcement, there is a noticeable difference in people's driving. They are not testing, tail-gating, and are paying attention by driving the speed limit.

Dave Boyd, 2029 Silver Fox: I am concerned of the outsourcing of the processing of the tickets. Now you have a third party who is doing all the paperwork for you. I just wanted to make sure we aren't going on the offensive and continue to outsource a bunch of other things with having a third party involved. What kind of liability does Howland have if they misuse the information?

Trustee Lapolla: I think the informational aspect is one thing we will bring up in the discussion when looking at bids. Who else besides the third party has access to the information. Also, reputation of the company is important.

Kevin Knowlton, 4003 Southwood: I have seen some changes in Howland Township in the last several years. The Capri Hotel is a disaster, the Nasser Hamad incident, Speedway was robbed, True North had a drug overdose and the shooting at Giant Eagle. We are starting to see crime come into the community. What is the Township doing to protect our image as a "World Class Community"?

Police Chief Roberts: Howland Township is very fortunate to have the young men on the Police Dept. that we have and am very proud of them. I guarantee when you call you are going to have some of the best trained officers in Trumbull County. We are dedicated and will fight to the end

for you. We are looking out for you and we have your best interest at heart and the last thing we want to do is let you down. You will always get our best and I make that promise to you.

Approved by: Robert Costello Dated: 10/12/17  
Robert Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Rick Clark Dated: 10/13/17  
Rick Clark, Chairperson