

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on December 27, 2018 at 12 P.M. at Howland Township Administration Building, 205 Niles-Cortland Rd. N.E., Howland Township, Ohio.

Roll Call: Rick Clark - Absent
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 excuse Rick Clerk for personal reasons.

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

A motion was made by Dr. James Lapolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to suspend the reading of December 12, 2018 minutes and accept as written.

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

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

Roll Call: 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 2018-122:

Approve that all Howland Township employees, as per the attached listing, be rehired at their current pay and benefits for year 2019.

Roll Call: 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 2018-123:

REDUCE CERTIFICATE DUE TO UNCOLLECTED OPWC FUNDS & OTHER

GRANTS:

* Fund 30A:	2017 Road Resurfacing – OPWC	\$ 93,476.84
* Fund 30C:	Golden Triangle Wetland Acquisition	\$ 278,551.46
* Fund 30L:	2018 Road Resurfacing – OPWC	\$ 35,909.26

REDUCE APPROPRIATION DUE TO UNCOLLECTED GRANT MONIES:

* Fund 30A:	30-A-06A	2017 Road Resurfacing – OPWC	\$ 93,476.84
* Fund 30C:	30-A-06C	Golden Triangle Wetland Acquisition	\$ 278,551.46
* Fund 30L:	30-A-06L	2018 Road Resurfacing – OPWC	\$ 35,909.26

Roll Call: 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 2018-124:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve the 2019 OPERS Sick Leave Conversion Plan for Howland Township. This is pursuant to Section 145.1 of the Ohio Revised Code and Administrative Code 145-1-26.

Roll Call: 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 2018-125:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve to retain the following firms to provide legal services on an “as needed” basis for the year 2019.

Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP
O’Halloran & Ohanian LLC
Albers & Albers

Roll Call: 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 2018-126:

Authorize the annual salaries for the Howland Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer be paid maximum salary allowed per the Ohio Revised Code.

Also, approve to provide Life/AD&D insurance in the amount of \$25,000 and health insurance benefits as provided in the current group insurance policy, and as provided to the employees of Howland Township.

Roll Call: 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 2018-127:

Approve to contract Grace Services Inc. to provide weed control in Township ditches, retention ponds, and cemeteries at a cost of \$2,045.00

Roll Call: 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 2018-128:

Approve to reappoint Brendan Keating to the Howland Township Board of Appeals for a second term beginning January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023.

Roll Call: 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 2018-129:

Accept the resignation of Samuel Bluedorn from the Howland Township Board of Appeals effective December 31, 2018

Roll Call: 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 2018-130:

Approve the appointment of Heidi Mock to the Howland Township Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Samuel Bluedorn beginning January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022.

Roll Call: 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 2018-131:

Approve the reappointment of William Beinecke to the Howland Township Zoning Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2019 ending December 31, 2023.

Roll Call: 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 2018-132:

Authorize the Howland Board of Trustees to submit an application for Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant Funding for the Purchase of the Mosquito Creek Wetlands Extension.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Grant Program (“Clean Ohio”); and

WHEREAS, Howland Township desires financial assistance for the purchase and protection of approximately 120 acres situated between State Routes 82 and 46 to the north of River Road to expand an existing corridor of protected lands;

WHEREAS, the property includes more than one-half mile of Mosquito Creek frontage as these natural assets is consistent with the land use priorities presented in the *Howland Township Comprehensive Community Plan* developed in 2010 and updated regularly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, once acquired, Howland Township intends to encumber the 120-acre property with a conservation easement, which will be held by Western Reserve Land Conservancy ensuring the perpetual protection of this open green space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Howland Township is authorized to submit a grant application to the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund seeking grant support for the purchase of the 120-acre MOSQUITO CREEK WETLANDS EXTENSION property; and
2. That Howland Township staff is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Public Works Commission for Clean Ohio funds and is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

A motion was made by Dr. James Lapolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 P.M.

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

Summary of Meeting:

No comments by department heads or discussion held. No comments or discussion from attendees.

Approved by: Robert M. Costello Dated: 12/28/18
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Matthew Vansuch Dated: 1/9/19
Matthew Vansuch, Vice Chairperson-Trustee