

**MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on March 13, 2019 at 6 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 Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James Lapolla to excuse Rick Clark and Robert Costello for personal reasons.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James Lapolla to suspend the reading of February 13, 2019 minutes and accept as written.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2019-026

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

**Fund 01: General**  
01-A-27 (Transfers) to 01-A-02D (Reserve Acct. Sev Pay) \$9,251.96

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2019-027:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve Howland Township to participate in the Trumbull County Transit 2019 Program.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2019-028:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, accept the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District’s Plan. Resolution 2019-028 is attached in its entirety..

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2019-029:

Approve to schedule a Public Hearing, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., immediately following the Board of Trustees regular meeting. The purpose of this public hearing is the First Reading of Home Rule Resolution 2019-19, to consider adopting the rates for Ambulance/Emergency Medical Service provided to Howland Township residents and non-residents, and repeal Home Rule Resolution 2015-17.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2019-030:

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to request an “Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources” from the Trumbull County Auditor for the following funds:

**INCREASE CERTIFICATE DUE TO OTHER SOURCES:**

<b>Fund 31:</b>	<b>FEMA Ass’t Firefighters Grant</b>	
31-B	FEMA Ass’t Firefighters Grant	\$54,856.00

**INCREASE APPROPRIATION DUE TO ADDITIONAL OTHER SOURCES:**

<b>Fund 31:</b>	<b>FEMA Ass’t Firefighters Grant</b>	
31-A-06	FEMA Ass’t Fire Grant Expenses	\$54,856.00

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2019-031:

Per the recommendation of Police Chief Nick Roberts, the Board of Trustees of Howland Township “DO NOT” request a hearing for the transfer of the D1, D2, liquor permits from M2 Golf Management LLC –DBA Old Avalon Golf Course, 9794 E Market St., Howland Township, Warren, OH 44484

- D1 Beer only for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carry-out only until 1:00am.
- D2 Wine and mixed beverages for on premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1:00am.

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

**Summary of Meeting:**

Jim P. This evening after the meeting we will be putting our new ladder truck into service. The crews have been working for a month not only on putting it together but a lot of training goes into it. Every member of the department was required to complete 12 hours of drivers training and navigating different areas, bridges and different turns.

Dave M. We actually had a mild winter compared to past winters. We've used less salt or approximately 800 tons less than normal. We are getting ready to start our spring time operations. Limb and branch is scheduled for April 15 for east side and April 29 for west side.

Pete R. Year to date we have issued 13 permits for and estimated value of \$625,720.

Jim. L Every year the township sponsors a shred it day. It will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 1:00 at the gazebo parking lot. Residents can bring up to 5 large garbage bags to shred.

The free community garage sale will be held June 6-8. Last day to sign up will be May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Matt V. Food truck Fridays will be June 7, July 12, August 2, and September 6 from 5:00-9:00 at Richard Orwig Park.

Darlene S. Howland Township has community gardens and they are located down on N.River Rd. and are free to township residents. You can sign up thru our special events coordinator. The road department plows the gardens and there are water tanks available.

Arthur Williams – 3265 Ridge Road

We asked to have the not outlet sign and move it back down the road about 50 feet. When people turn on our road they do not see that sign. People come down the road thinking they found a new short cut only to find out it is a dead end. I would like to have that sign move to where people can see it and maybe put a guard rail at the end.

Dave M. Some of the other cul-de-sacs that are dead ends we have stop signs which we don't have there. That might prevent someone thinking they can proceed into the highway. Also I think we could put up a second no outlet sign.

Terry McWreath – 7707 Raglan

Does the web site list the number of part time policeman?

Jeff U. The web site does have our organizational chart. We only have one part time office that has been with us for over 30 years. He is not a patrol office anymore.

Terry Is he assigned to speed cameras all the time.

Jeff No part time officers run a camera.

Terry Why doesn't he run a speed camera?

Jeff The ORC states that you have to be a full time officer to run camera.

Terry Is the police officer hired by the camera manufacturer?

Jeff No, the patrolman is hired by the township.

Terry I feel that the lowest seniority officers should be manning cameras, so the most experienced officer can be on the road.

Jeff We don't have any criteria as far as who runs the camera.

Cara Sutch – 294 Fonderlac

I am co-owner of Salon One at 8050 E. Market Street, right across the street from Capri Hotel. We have had to call the police because there were needles in our flower boxes. We have watched a fight in the parking lot. Prostitutes come and park in our parking lot waiting to be picked up. We have watched the police be called to the hotel over and over again. There was an over dose there just 2 weeks ago. Can we get it closed down?

Jeff U. When you're selling \$30 a night hotel rooms you tend to get this type of people to frequent these places. We can't set the prices of what they charge for a room. We do answer calls there when there is a complaint. The owner has recently hired us again to work off duty details on the weekends.

Darlene We have had extensive talks with our law director about the hotel. It is America and people are allowed to have businesses. It takes a lot to close down a business for a nuisance and at this time and point they have not achieved this threshold. We have had the owners in and they know we are watching them.

Matt The fact that criminal activity may take place on the property and may spill out on to neighboring properties is not enough in itself to shut down a business. I will sit down with our law director and educate myself more from his perspective as to where things are.

Sharon Jones – 1606 Difford Drive

We had talked to Chief Monroe at one time, and he said that she has knowledge of what's going on there.

Darlene She has to be involved in the illegal activities. There is no evidence that she is involved in the illegal activities that take place there. We are not denying that she knows what's going on in her business.

Approved by: Robert M. Costello Dated: 3/28/19  
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Dr. James LaPolla Dated: 3/28/19  
Dr. James LaPolla, Chairperson-Trustee