

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their Regular meeting on October 9, 2019 at 6 P.M. at Howland Township Administration Building, 205 Niles-Cortland Rd. N.E., Howland Township, Ohio.

Roll Call: Dr James LaPolla – Present
Rick Clark – Present
Matthew Vansuch – Present

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A motion was made by Rick Clark and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to suspend the reading of Sept 11, 2019 meeting minutes and accept as written.

Roll Call: Dr. James J LaPolla -yea
Rick Clark -yea
Matthew Vansuch -yea

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

Roll Call: Dr. James J LaPolla -yea
Rick Clark -yea
Matthew Vansuch -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Rick Clark to vote on Resolution 2019-097:

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

Fund 1000: General Fund

1000-910-910 (Transfers Out)	to	1000-110-119 (Other Salaries Trustees)	\$3,000.00
1000-910-910 (Transfers Out)	to	1000-110-220 (Insurance Benefits)	\$6,000.00
1000-220-740 (Machinery Equip)	to	1000-220-323 (Repair & Maint)	\$5,000.00

Fund 2281: Ambulance and EMS Services

2281-230-190 (Salaries)	to	2281-230-220 (Insurance Benefits)	\$25,000.00
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Roll Call: Dr. James J LaPolla -yea
Rick Clark -yea
Matthew Vansuch -yea

A motion was made by Rick Clark and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2019-098:

Howland Township recognizes the importance of one regional transit system for Trumbull and Mahoning Counties. We support the City of Warren terminating their FTA Section 5307 Designation and recommend that the State of Ohio name the Western Reserve Transit Authority as the designated recipient for Mahoning and Trumbull Counties Federal Transit Administration, Section 5307, funding allocation for the Ohio portion of the Youngstown OH-PA bi-state urban area.

Roll Call:	Dr. James J LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea
	Matthew Vansuch	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Rick Clark to vote on Resolution 2019-099:

Per the recommendation of Darlene St. George, approve to promote part-time Post Office Teller Lori Stull to Lead Teller effective October 1, 2019. Lori's hourly wage will increase to \$11.00 per hour with no benefits.

Roll Call:	Dr. James J LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea
	Matthew Vansuch	-yea

A motion was made by Rick Clark and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2019-100:

Approve to extend for one (1) year a moratorium on the issuance of permits for cultivators, processors or retail dispensaries of marijuana within Howland Township at the expiration of Resolution 2018-93.

Roll Call:	Dr. James J LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea
	Matthew Vansuch	-Abstain

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Rick Clerk to vote on Resolution 2019-101:

The Howland Township Board of Trustees approve to accept OPWC's financial Assistance in the amount of \$28,084.00 and commit \$9,000 as the local funding for the OPWC Mosquito Creek Wetlands Extension Project # CFMAA. Total estimated project cost is \$37,445.00.

Roll Call:	Dr. James J LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea
	Matthew Vansuch	-yea

A motion was made by Rick Clark and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2019-102:

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to establish Fund 4007 – Mosquito Creek Wetlands Extension - OPWC, request an amended certificate from the Trumbull County Auditor and appropriate the following money:

4407-130-730-2100 – Improvement of Sites OPWC \$28,084.00

Roll Call: Dr. James J LaPolla -yea
Rick Clark -yea
Matthew Vansuch -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Rick Clark to vote on Resolution 2019-103:

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to transfer monies from General Fund 1000 to Fund 4407 Mosquito Creek Wetlands Extension \$9,000, and appropriate in 4407-130-730-2000 Improvement of Sites TWP.

Roll Call: Dr. James J LaPolla -yea
Rick Clark -yea
Matthew Vansuch -yea

A motion was made by Rick Clark and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2019-104:

Approve to authorize the submission of the Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to Eastgate Regional Council of Governments for the Willow Drive NE/High Street NE Sidewalk Project and agrees to share in the project cost and future maintenance of the proposed project. The total estimate of the project is \$192,374.50 with a 20% local match requirement of \$38,474.90

Roll Call: Dr. James J LaPolla -yea
Rick Clark -yea
Matthew Vansuch -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Rick Clark to vote on Resolution 2019-105:

WHEREAS, the following list of properties have been cited during the month of June, 2019 in violation of the Howland Township Zoning Ordinance Section 8, A-8, Howland Township Resolution 2003-58 (Abatement, Control or Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse or Other been maintained; and

WHEREAS, Howland Township has received complaints from neighbors of said properties that the condition interferes with the reasonable enjoyment of 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 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>
696 Shadowood	28-603362
2425 Overland Ave.	28-565750

Roll Call: Dr. James J LaPolla -yea
 Rick Clark -yea
 Matthew Vansuch -yea

A motion was made by Rick Clark and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2019-106:

TAX ABATEMENT RESOLUTION AFTER PRESENTATION:

Hereby recommend granting Liberty Steel Industries, Inc., 2007 Larchmont Ave. NE, Howland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, the following tax abatement.

60% for 10 years covering new Real Property

(Resolution attached in its entirety)

Roll Call: Dr. James J LaPolla -yea
 Rick Clark -yea
 Matthew Vansuch -yea

Summary of Meeting:

Fire Chief James Pantalone:

This month is fire prevention month. Last weekend we spent several hours at Home Depot. We estimated about 300 people came thru. This Saturday is our open house at the fire station from 10-2. We are educating people on close before you doze. This gives people the understanding about closing their doors while you're sleeping. Many fires happen at night. Closing your doors even when you leave the home, bedroom doors can also save a lot of property.

Police Chief Nick Roberts:

We will be joining the fire department this Saturday from 10-2. We tentatively have the bear coming down. That is the big vehicle used by the SWAT team. We are giving away free gun locks and have some fun stuff for the children.

Trustee Rick Clark:

There are 2 sewer districts that we are involved in Trumbull County. We have Mosquito Creek District which is most of the township and the Metro District which has a small part at Bolindale. Mosquito Creek has had a surplus of 8 or 9 million dollars. The Metro District has been losing money. The county commissioners combined those districts. The people in Mosquito Creek District will not have a rate increase for a minimum of 4 years. The Metro District will have a rate increase and after year 5. There is a surplus of 1.5 million in that account, everyone will get an increase of .75/month. I think it was the best we could get for our residents in these negotiations.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch:

Tree lighting will take place December 1st from 4-6. Leaf pickup will be handled by Republic Services. You can put up to 10 bags of leaves a week out.

Road Superintendent David McCann:

Limb and branch pickup will start on 10/28 on the east side. On the West side it will be from 11/11 thru 11/22. The skim paving program was started 3 weeks ago and as long as the weather holds up we will try to finish up shortly. We are still mowing because of the rain and nice weather.

Zoning Director Kim Mascarella:

Our last farmers market is this Saturday. Then on 11/2 it will go indoors at the SCOPE center. These will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10-1 and run till April 18. Today was the last Bolindale market. That was held once a month from July thru October. It was not well attended.

The pet resort on East Market Street is adding on a 1,500 foot addition on the back. The Butler Art Museum is adding 6,200 square feet. This will be for classroom and gallery space. TLC Wealth Management Group broke ground on the corner of East Market Street and Fuller.

Fire Chief James Pantalone:

Annually, we have come together for a fill the pot drive. It has been very successful over the last 5 years. This year we were contacted by the State Patrol. They are putting a larger program together between Bazetta, Howland and Niles. This will be all on one day November 9 from 10-2.

Public Comments:

John Schmidt – 1342 Cranbrook

I have been here 5 years in the township and have issues with water drainage that comes off Rt. 46 into my back yard. I have been able to maintain it until this past heavy rain. Where the drain pipe is there are 5 posts that are in front of the drain to keep debris from going down the drain. The last heavy rain has eroded the dirt around the drain and now there is about 3 feet deep of debris around the pipes.

Road Superintendent David McCann:

I do know that Mr. Schmidt has called. I sent our crew out to clean out the debris. I don't know what we can do more than normally we do. When it plugs up like that and it impacts the roadway we service it. Being that it is on private property we won't have enough personnel to do that. This is the maintenance issue of the property owners. I can go onto private properties to take care of these situations. The problem is if I take our power equipment on to private property to do that, we have to repair property and landscape. The way the situation is we would have to go over 2 properties to get to this.

Administrator Darlene St. George:

How about we look at this situation and analyze it to see how we can help you out. If there are release forms that we need you to sign, we can get them prepared.

Ed Palumbo – 201 Sanctuary

Chief Roberts, something strange happens when they put US Postal Service trucks on Rt. 46. They think they can make a 3 lane road out of 2. I almost got clobbered last week. A car coming around a mail truck thinking that I was going to move when I wasn't going to move over since I had the right of way. I wonder if you could put an officer on a side road and make some money?

Police Chief Nick Roberts:

We have mail trucks going thru out the entire township every day and our officers are out every day. If they do see an infraction they will address it. I understand what you are saying because it has happened to me sometimes. Today's society is in such a hurry to get to places. We have to play it safe. I will let our guys know and bring it to their attention.

Ed Palumbo:

I saw you guys on TV. I couldn't understand you Dr. LaPolla as you spoke so fast. Matthew, I played yours over and over. I know the TPP tax has gone away. I am getting hit with 8.5 mils in 2 years. The taxpayer has only so much money. If a taxpayer doesn't have any money then you don't get paid. I've had people tell me that Howland will be Liberty in 10 years. I have been told that people in Howland think they are better than anyone else and people in Howland think they have money when they don't. The ambulance fund is making money. As you said on TV, you are answering more calls. If you are answering more calls you are making more money. Can't you take the money that you are making and fund the 3 needed personnel?

Fire Chief James Pantalone:

We currently fund our part-time program thru EMS billing. That helps supplement our staffing where we are now. To get us over the top for a 4th EMS unit we cannot depend on part time staffing.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch:

The community has the highest volume in Trumbull County. There is a demand for the services provided and the only way to meet that demand is to hire additional fire/paramedics to perform those responsibilities and to provide the level of response time that the residents want. If the residents don't want to fund the levy to do that, then we are not going to do that.

Administrator Darlene St. George:

It has come to a point in Howland Township where the demand for service is out weighing the ability to meet it. The demand for service is greater than our ability to meet it under the current amount of money coming into that department.

Trustee Rick Clark:

What is your point here? It is already on the ballot.

Ed Palumbo:


I understand you not going to take it off the ballot. The point I am trying to make is, think about regionalization.

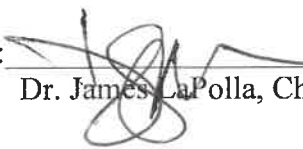
Trustee Matthew Vansuch:

It is a simple question for the community. There is a demand for service. Do you want the level of service that it will provide or if you don't want to pay for that, vote no.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Rick Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call:	Dr. James J LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea
	Matthew Vansuch	-yea

Approved by:  Dated: 10/10/19
 Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:  Dated: 10/14/19
 Dr. James LaPolla, Chairperson-Trustee