

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PUBLIC HEARING (Immediately following regular meeting)

2022 Alternative Tax Budget Approval

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on July 14, 2021, at 6:00 P.M at the Howland Township Government Building, 205 Niles Cortland Rd. NE, Warren, OH 44484

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

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to excuse Fiscal Officer Robert Costello for personal reasons.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to suspend the reading of June 9,2021 meeting minutes and accept as written.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-073:

Authorize the Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to establish the following funds, establish revenue/ appropriation accounts and request an Amended Certificate to increase budget from the Trumbull County Auditor due to OPWC Road Resurfacing Grants.

Fund 4401 2020 Road Resurfacing Program (OPWC) - Fund Total \$149,999.00

Revenue Budget:
4401-538 – Local Public Works Commission - \$149,999.00

Appropriate Budget:
4401-330-730-2100 Improvement of Sites (OPWC) \$149,999.00

Fund 4402 2021 Road Resurfacing Program (OPWC) - Fund Total \$224,989.00

Revenue Budget:
4402-538 – Local Public Works Commission - \$224,989.00

Appropriate Budget:
4402-330-730-2100 Improvement of Sites (OPWC) \$224,989.00

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

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-074:

Whereas, Howland Township has reduced administrative staff from seven full-time employees to five full-time employees with benefits and;

Whereas, new employees were hired at a lower starting rate and;

Whereas, the Township has re-distributed the work-load;

Therefore, the Township is adjusting the following employees' rate of pay effective June 16, 2021:

Planning Director	\$70,595.20 to \$72,675.20
Zoning Director	\$54,000.00 to \$56,080.00
Admin. Assistant to Fiscal Office	\$26.00 hr. to \$27.00 hr.
Admin Assistant in Fire Dept.	\$18.00 hr. to \$19.00 hr.
Admin Assistant in Public Works/Fiscal	\$17.59 hr. to \$18.59 hr.

Increased cost to the Township is approximately \$12,000.00 per year. Reduction of two full-time employees with benefits is approximately \$85,000.00. The cost savings is approximately \$73,000.00.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-075:

Per the recommendation of Township Administrator Darlene St. George, all full-time Township employees are to pay 5% of the Township's current Healthcare Premium Cost per month effective July 1, 2021 and 7% of the Township current Healthcare Premium Cost per month effective July 1, 2022. The employee share will be paid through payroll deduction.

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

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-076:

Per the recommendation of Police Chief Nick Roberts, the Board of Trustees of Howland Township "Do Not" request a hearing for a TRFO C1, C2, D6 Liquor License granted from Roger Lee Swegan, DBA Fat Rogers Drive Thru to Warren Business Association LLC-DBA Fat Rogers Drive Thru 2054 North Rd., Warren OH 44484.

- C1 Beer only in original sealed container for carry out only.
- C2 Wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out.
- D6 Sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday between the hours 10:00am or 11:00am and midnight.

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

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-077:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, Public Works Director David McCann and GPD, accept the bid for the 2021 Storm Sewer Upgrades for the Rolling Meadows Project from Z-Tech Builders/Excavators Inc. 3301 Hoagland-Blackstub Rd., Cortland, Ohio for the amount of \$13,742.00.

Other Bids Received - Rolling Meadows Project

S.E.T., Inc.	Lowellville, OH	\$14,000.00
Woodford Excavating LLC	Leavittsburg, OH	\$17,000.00
JS Bova Excavating LLC	Struthers, OH	\$22,500.00

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

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-078:

WHEREAS, the following list of properties have been cited during the months of June/July 2021 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 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 of use of the 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.

WHEREAS, At least seven days before providing for the abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, the board of township trustees shall notify the owner of the land and any holders of liens of record upon the land that the owner is ordered to abate, control, or remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, the owner's maintenance of which has been determined by the board to be a nuisance.

WHEREAS, if that vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris is not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provision for its abatement, control, or removal is not made, within seven days, the board shall provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred by the board in performing that task shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

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>
3503 Birchwood Ave	Parcel 28-094550
3448 Beechwood Ave	Parcel 28-300351
100 Quail Hollow	Parcel 28-106609
8141 Castle Rock	Parcel 28-121275
1458 Castillion Drive	Parcel 28-006282
3681 High Tree Ave	Parcel 28-181787
8848 Kings Graves Rd	Parcel 28-322475
6060 Mines Rd	Parcel 28-390900
332 Niles Cortland Road NE	Parcel 28-596850
1575 Niles Cortland Rd NE	Parcel 28-549200
2878 Niles Vienna	Parcel 28-573401
2915 North Road NE	Parcel 28-334200
8618 Old Orchard RD	Parcel 28-222850
3478 Overlook Dr	Parcel 28-598100
3479 Overlook Dr	Parcel 28-590000
3231 Overlook Dr	Parcel 28-393450
3273 Valacamp Ave	Parcel 28-409700
3589 Valacamp Ave	Parcel 28-304650
3709 Valacamp Ave	Parcel 28-354500
7720 Glenn Oaks	Parcel 28-088740
3546 Highlawn	Parcel 28-636900
2699 Fairview	Parcel 28-554520
1318 Rosewood	Parcel 28-508755

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-079:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George and Fire Chief James Pantalone, approve the Fire Department to apply for the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources Forestry Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant. The Grant award is \$1,299.99 for two education projectors with a 50/50 match of \$1,299.99.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-080:

Approve Township Administrator Darlene St. George to register Howland Township with the Ohio Office of Budget Management (OBM) to receive the American Rescue Plan (ARP) "Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2021-081:

Approve Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to establish the following fund in the UAN Accounting Software:

Special Revenue Fund 2902	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
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Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Rick Clark	-yea

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

That Darlene St. George is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

That Howland Township agrees to obligate \$8,770 required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the **NatureWorks Grant Program, which reimburses 75% of project costs.**

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

Summary of Meeting:

Trustee Rick Clark

Chief Sapp, do you have any reports?

Assistant Fire Chief Sapp

I have nothing to report in Chief Pantalones absence.

Trustee Rick Clark

Chief Roberts, anything to report?

Police Chief Nick Roberts

I have nothing to report. It's great that everyone is back in house and not wearing a mask. We can all see each other. People are getting vaccinated and that's a good thing. We're just going to keep striving for excellence here in Howland Township and keep moving forward.

Trustee Rick Clark

Are you at full staffing now?

Police Chief Nick Roberts

We are still down one officer

Trustee Rick Clark

Is the process ongoing?

Police Chief Nick Roberts

I don't think we're in a position to hire right now. We'll probably have to wait a little while but yes, we're still taking applications.

Trustee Rick Clark

Any questions for the chief? Dan, anything from zoning?

Zoning Inspector Dan Morgan

Yes, since our last meeting we've issued 35 permits. The project cost for those permits was \$896,767 that property owners are putting back into their property, whether it be swimming pools or fences and that did include two new homes here in the township. We do have 161 properties that were working to resolve various issues on in the township. And that's all I have.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

That's an increase from last month, right?

Zoning Inspector Dan Morgan

Yes. By 40.

Trustee Rick Clark

Planning director Kim Mascarella?

Planning Director Kim Mascarella

Thanks for the trustees and administrator for continuing to put trust in me to serve Howland. So, I do appreciate that very much.

Trustee Rick Clark

We wouldn't do it if you didn't deserve it.

Planning Director Kim Mascarella

Well, I do appreciate it. I know the past couple of meetings we've been updating you on the progress of some projects that are in the review pipeline. We have about six projects, a couple carwashes, a couple of expansions. Avalon is doing expansion of its parking lot, so they're still going through a real detailed stormwater review. They're required to put stormwater detention in as part of their project, so GPD is working with the township, and these projects, to make sure that that's done correctly. So, we'll keep you up to date on this project as we move forward. I think we'll see some dirt moving very quickly on the Modwash which is on 46 just south of Mines Road. The board of zoning appeals on August 5 will be hearing various requests from Light Storage on Youngstown Road. They're wanting to build storage or storage buildings. They are requesting a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals for setback. Front setback, so we'll see how that goes. That'll be here in person on August 5th.

We attended a meeting at Eastgate last Friday, with the Resource Assistance Council to answer questions on our Clean Ohio Conservation Fund project. We submitted a grant application to acquire the four acres, north of North River Road, and we received some good questions. It was a good back and forth questions and answers. Friday after the meeting the final votes will be issued so we'll know for sure if we've gotten that grant and we can protect more of the Mosquito Creek Corridor. It's a very important area in terms of stormwater mitigation, in terms of habitat protection, recreation and so forth so I'll keep you up to date on that. And that's all I have.

Trustee Dr. LaPolla

Do you want to give and update on Meijer's? I get a lot of questions in my office on how that is coming along.

Planning Director Kim Mascarella

We still haven't received plans and we know they are moving forward. Demolition has to proceed first. So, I think it's a phased project for Meijer's and so we know they have intentions on coming but we haven't received full plans yet.

Trustee Dr. LaPolla

Have they given any inkling when they plan to present their full plans?

Planning Director Kim Mascarella

No, they haven't.

Trustee Rick Clark

Thank you, Kim. Public works, Dave?

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

We have been pretty busy the last two weeks especially with all the rain that has come down. In the last two weeks we have had some excessive rain events. We are trying to repair catch basins and clean ditch lines. We have had several complaints throughout the township about excessive rain and people getting flooded. On top of doing that we are trying to catch up with debris that has been washed out. We're trying to lead the front on for our upcoming 2021 paving program pending signatures by the trustees. I've had a pre-construction meeting with Shelley and Sands who was the successful bidder on the project. Several weeks ago, their intentions were to start paving in mid-August. I expect them to do a good job. We recently finished up our 2020 paving which was delayed from last year to this spring. The contractor was RT Vernal. We have some punch list

items to complete, but for the most part that contract is concluded. We are pending a pre-construction meeting with Z-tech concerning storm sewer repair. That project is on Rolling Meadows. The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for some time next week. We have been trying to keep up with grass cutting. We've got a lot of grass in the township on top of the zoning yards. We do have the summertime help which helps us control the amount of cutting we have to do. There's a lot of grass cutting on sidewalks, islands, 3 cemeteries, and community gardens on top of the zoning yards. It's been busy. I mentioned the flooding. That's all I have.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Did the Rosegarden project make a difference?

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Honestly, I have not received any calls.

Trustee Dr. LaPolla

I have had patients who have in the past had ponds in their front yards and none have mentioned it this year.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

We have had calls in areas we don't normally get the calls. The airport registered 2.47 inches of rain in like a 45-minute period. That's a lot of rain. Down on the lower end of the township especially by Dawson we had some washouts that's just synonymous with the way that drainage works when it starts to flood the Avalon area. That's the drainage network that receives the flooding repercussions downstream. So over by the waffle house down in that area is where we recognized in the previous event a couple days ago. It was tough, rain was everywhere. That's what happens when it stops raining and it subsides. Multiple people called in that the streets were flooded and we must have a blockage. If there's a blockage the water would be there 20 minutes to an hour after the rain stops. When it's gone 20 minutes after the rain stops It really isn't a problem with the storm system itself.

Trustee Rick Clark

Jim, any non-agenda items you want to mention?

Trustee Dr. LaPolla

Just an update, there has not been anything between us and Ohio Edison in terms of the electric transfer. They're still in the phase of looking at the economics and feasibility at this point. We've had some people have questioned about seeing helicopters in the Howland Springs area. That is also directly involved with Edison Ohio. Ohio Edison uses helicopters and these large rotary saw blades to cut trees to protect the power lines. So sometimes they will actually come and land at the school for purposes of re-fueling.

Last meeting, I brought the idea of possibly bringing back our newsletter. At this time, I'd like to make an official recommendation proposal that we look into a newsletter this fall. A lot of our citizens in Howland don't have a computer. It's hard to believe but it still exists that people don't have that luxury. And a lot of people still rely on snail mail, maybe the newspaper, and the newsletter is always informational for the residents of Howland. I think this newsletter can even provide information on how things are going, or the annexation or how things are going on the transfer with Ohio Edison and some sewer projects, etc., etc.

In terms of agenda I was coming up with the dates for farmers market and Xmas tree lighting. I do think this is a vital communication piece and I'd like to see it brought back. With some of the

money we got from the federal government there is a possibility maybe we can free up some money from our general fund to help cover that.

The fourth item is that the Council of Governments is going to meet tonight. The State has gotten about \$250 million to improve the counties in terms of demolition projects and storm sewer projects. They want the Council of Governments to help oversee the allocation of this money. The county itself got about \$500,000. Just like Darlene said earlier about the money coming from the COVID, we don't have the exact guidelines yet. We can't say it has to be spent on A, B or C, but we have a general idea so Randy Smith asked the Council of Governments to look into the demolition projects, prioritize them, and then present them to him. Only the county engineer can submit the project ideas to the state. We have a couple of weeks, I believe it is, maybe three from the deadline to get all these ideas to Randy to get it down to Columbus. I'll be working with that. So, any projects in Howland Township that would fit on a demolition please send them to me and I'll put them on my priority list. So, we do have the upper hand in, in that with my chairmanship and hopefully we help Howland Township immensely and that's about it.

Trustee Rick Clark

Matt, do you have anything to add?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Just a few things to remind people again tomorrow is the virtual public meeting on diverging diamond. It is five o'clock, online, and we've also posted the video on our website to look at it before the meeting. The officials will be there to answer questions about that project. I had an opportunity to go to the chamber meeting to hear about what the business community concerns are for economic development in the area. We always sit down with our businesses to find out what we can do to help with these issues. I don't say no to those meetings, and I noticed St George you were out of town. I was able to attend that meeting and nothing really came out of that definitive.

I would like to thank Randy Smith for putting up the state championship signs on East Market Street and North River Road. Andrea Ferenac helped organize that. The Booster Club paid for those signs.

Finally, I'm happy to announce that on September 4th we are having the community coming together event from three o'clock to approximately nine o'clock down at Richard Orwig Park. We're finalizing the details. Tonight, we're going to have an organizational planning meeting that we do in public, as to some of the activities that we can do and we'll get more information out in the next couple of weeks. There will be a parade, food trucks and few other things that we want to finalize before I say anything. I'm hoping that it'll be a nice event for people to come back together at the end of summer and before school starts the next Tuesday. Perhaps one last Friday before the buses start going out with the kids, so we're looking forward to that. I appreciate the individuals who stood up and are going to help organize and work through that. So that's all I have.

Trustee Rick Clark

Thank you. Dar, do you have anything?

Administrator Darlene St. George

I do have a couple of things I just wanted to piggyback about this. We will proceed and our plan is to go forward like water to realize a good share of it. So, over in the Golden Triangle. A company over there Clark Dietrich, needs new water lines extended. They've just invested over a million dollars that are creating some new jobs over there. We are going to partner whenever we receive our money, we're going to partner with the city of Warren 50-50. We're going to split the extension of the water lines to that company to help them secure their expansion and these new jobs.

We're also working in the Golden Triangle area on a project with the county engineer, and with the City of Warren, and the County Commissioners to extend sanitary sewer lines hopefully down Larchmont. It'll be about a \$6 million project. We're working on that right now. Then we're working in another area of the township. This will open up in Golden Triangle. This will open up additional property if we're able to extend those sewer lines for additional industrial and manufacturing. That's just one of the, if not the largest manufacturing hubs in the state of Ohio. I don't think that people realize that we have over 3,000 good solid high paying jobs in that area, and that is the economic heart of, of this area so we need to make sure we keep reinvesting in that area. These companies are constantly reinvesting and growing and expanding and adding new jobs to that area so I'm pleased that the trustees are continuing to look at that area and authorizing that work.

Also, I see Zack Svette is in the audience. I would like to acknowledge Zach, the Director of the Trumbull County Metro Parks. The township, trustees, and the metro parks have graciously entered into an agreement where the Metroparks new office is going to be in the Sloas farm property, and it'll be Howland Sloas Nature Preserve, home of the Trumbull County Metro Park. So, Zach welcome, and we're very pleased to enter into this partnership with you. I know that in the past people have asked whether or not we sold the property, we have not, we did not sell the property. We just have opened it up for additional use.

Trustee Rick Clark

That is on North River Road immediately adjacent to the Sloas airport near the Ernie Hall museum where the community gardens are. The township owns a home there. That's where the office is going to be, inside that house. Zach, do you want to say a couple things?

Zack Svette

We are actually having a ribbon cutting and a social the 31st from 2:00 pm. to 4pm. I will be doing the ribbon cutting around 1:45. All the elected officials of Howland Township and department heads are invited. So, gather around 1:30. We are pretty much moved in and we are waiting on some IT stuff for the metric parks. That would be a great addition and miles to expand a little bit in terms of going from one employee to maybe having some interns.

Trustee Rick Clark

We watched a movie out of a closet that you had downtown for your office to a full-fledged building. We're glad to put it use, it has been sitting empty. We're glad we were able to work this out.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Hopefully we can put two heads together, maybe we'll figure something out on that barn. Everybody always asks about it. So, I am putting it on my calendar.

Trustee Rick Clark

Just one real quick thing to piggyback on what David was talking about. They are a small department, and we are large Township, and that all kinds of things going on right now, so we just like to remind people not to blow your grass and leaves and everything out into the street. It plugs up catch basins which overtime causes problems. And if you're so inclined, if you do have a catch basin in front of your house and it's got sticks and leaves and stuff on it, and you can go out with a broom and sweep it off to make sure that the storm water runs freely. Like I said they are a 10-man department down there and we are a large township.

Trustee Dr. LaPolla

Often times the board of trustees doesn't get to see the school board too much or vice versa. I do want to acknowledge that Julie Altawil is in the back with us from the school board. It's nice to see the school board represented. I'm glad to see you're here with us today.

Trustee Rick Clark

Now at this point, we've opened the meeting up to anyone who cares to address the board, or any of the department heads. You need to give us your name and address and then are free to talk.

Bruce Gump – 1441 Springwood Trace

I just wanted to bring to the attention of Mr. McCann about Oakwood Blvd. Apparently, the developer didn't put a second layer of asphalt down. There's a lip there and has been there for a couple of years now and the snow plows and catch in the curb. I just wanted to make sure it was on the list to get paved.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

That was directed to the county engineer probably in January. I spoke to Gary Shaffer about that.

Bruce Gump

Just so your aware of it. You're doing what you need to do to get it done. It's not high priority. The other thing I wanted to ask about was the relocation of Howland Springs Boulevard. I know that that's an issue that we talked about a couple times and your further effort to try to find funding and get the planning down etc. I believe that it's going to be a very important issue when this diverging diamond starts.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

I did have an opportunity to speak to Jim Kinnick, the Eastgate Director on the 30th. I mentioned that we appreciate the diverging diamond project and all of those issues. We've got to put this on his radar as Executive Director. He's got to talk about Springs and it can't be forgotten. That project is not included in any of these projects, but I did reiterate that to consider doing something.

It is absolutely clear that normal paving and normal construction is not funded through federal monies. There're very specific requirements.

Bruce Gump

So, this would be considered building a road?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Yes, township roads absolutely would not be considered and would not be suddenly approved. What they're working for now are some interim rules and they're working through finalizing what exactly they mean by water and sewer issues brought in. The other hope would be that there's an infrastructure bill in Congress being discussed that I think would be better.

Bruce Gump

The only reason I asked this was the reason the thing is driving the need for changes, are the state projects on 46 and 82. So being forced into it wasn't in the plans.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

The regs are giving administrator and lawyers, headaches all over the place. They're not even finalized yet so that's why, that's why you don't hear us moving as a new embarked feature because we don't have final regs.

Bruce Gump

Anything I can do to help you?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

You're on my list. We've received public comments from the diverging diamond and I told you that we've been waiting for those. It's taken a long time. There must have been a lot of comments submitted and they respond to each of them. As soon as we get those I promise you that a letter will be going out with those comments to all of our state and federal officials, to ask for assistance and funding our project.

Bruce Gump

I sincerely hope they can move that yellow house.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Two months ago, I received an email from an individual who lived on Dawson drive who offered his property to the Historical Society. I've made the contact between that individual, ODOT and Historical Society and I stepped back. I can't tell you what the status of those discussions are. I just know that that property identified south and contacts were made to all decision makers.

Bruce Gump

I just wanted to say, I'm looking forward to the diverging diamond. They're amazing how well they work.

Trustee Rick Clark

Bruce, they are going to activate the traffic signal on Kenyon. They are going to put a full traffic signal in there which might relieve a little bit of pressure at Springs.

Bruce Gump

When I spoke to the director of the guys doing the diverging diamond, he told me that was something that they could do.

Trustee Rick Clark

We'll try and get you're a date on that. But they are going to put a full traffic signal there. Any one else care to address the board?

Jim Brutz – 2212 Celestial Drive

A few years ago, I had the privilege of addressing the board about a fence issue. Someone put in a fence up to the road. It was a chain link fence and we tried to stop it in court and of course you're unable to do it. I had mentioned to the trustees at that time about how archaic our fence laws were at the time. Before today's meeting I happened to look at the zoning regs and you addressed that. I appreciate it where it says that chain link fences within a front yard are prohibited. This happens to be a chain link fence that's still there, but I appreciate the fact that that was taken care of.

The other reason I'm here is it's regarding zoning issue. There's an ongoing case in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court regarding this zoning issue. What I wanted the trustees to understand is that my clients in that case are claiming that there's a nuisance. They talked to the zoning gentleman and he said call the police. So, we called the police and the police say that's a civil matter. So, we go back to zoning they say we aren't going to get involved because it has to do with noise. We don't have the noise law. I understand that so I spoke to Darlene about it. Township zoning regulations Section 8.01 states that the following nuisance and conditions shall be prohibited in all districts. Any other use or property condition that constitutes a health hazard, a safety hazard, or general nuisance to the general public. So, there is within your zoning rules or

regulations action zoning can take to stop nuisances. Today, resolution 2012.078, the non-mowing of grass can be declared a nuisance. So, the trustees have the ability to do that following regulations regarding this particular case because it is a nuisance to the general public. I just ask the board and zoning people to look into that issue and I appreciate it very much.

I do have one quick question. You can use COVID relief money for storm sewers?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Our American Recovery Plan covers sanitary water.

Jim Brutz

Thank you so much. Appreciate your time.

Law Director Jason Toth

Mr. Chairman, may I respond to Mr. Brutz for one moment. I appreciate your time here Jim. We have known each other a long time. In response to your concern statement regarding nuisance and noise being able to be regulated under zoning resolution. I will say that the township, me in particular as legal counsel for the township have looked at this issue pretty close. What I will say is that under the Revised Code section 505.17 authorizes the township to regulate noise as a nuisance, only with respect to Class D liquor establishments, which the township has chosen to do by waiver resolution, as well as in areas that are zoned for residential use. The provision in our zoning resolution that you referenced is applicable to all zoning districts, including commercial, industrial, and residential. So, on that basis, we've sort of taken the position that the nuisance language in the resolution isn't designed to cover noise per se. And what I will say is, if a governmental entity wants to regulate noise the case law is such that you have to have clear standards for somebody to be put on notice as to the type of noise that the township will be regulating the degree, the time period, and so many other factors, and we have chosen to do that by way of classifying liquor establishments which was our resolution. Put one on notice that operates a Class D liquor establishment that if you do these things as concerns noise, you're going to be cited. With respect to the provision in the zoning resolution concerning just general nuisance, we don't have any standards. The township trustees, if they were so inclined, could either by way of amendments to the zoning resolution or by standalone resolution and probably just even a general resolution, regulating noise for residential districts that is authorized under 505.172. If the township does raise concerns of residential zoning district, obviously the resolution would have standards that are similar, perhaps not identical to class D Liquor establishments but certainly the standards would put one notice that causing noise as to what they need to do to come in conformity with that resolution. As it stands now, we don't have anything. If we cite somebody for a nuisance zoning resolution we're not going to prevail in court based on the case law that exists for noise and nuisance.

Jim Brutz

I understand where you're coming from. My point is this your zoning regulations says causes a general nuisance. The trustees have to decide if they're going to take that out or are they going to make it stronger.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

I just want to understand, you're asking about ATV riding right? That's one of the particular cases on the go carts? So, we would need a residential area resolution so we would then be having to regulate the noise emitted by go cartss and ATVs in residential areas, to be fair to what everybody has done? That's what the request is right?

Jim Brutz

My question is, and I'm asking besides ignorance because I do not know. Do you have a barking dog rule?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

No, we have dog barking rule. We have a tethering ordinance, which is allowed under Section 955.

Jim Brutz

So, if I have a dog it can bark all night?

Zoning Inspector Dan Morgan

We have supervision and control of dogs in the township. It's under Chapter 955. Its handled by the police department along with Class D liquor establishment.

Jim Brutz

I guess what's the difference between a barking dog and a go cart?

Police Chief Nick Roberts

It would depend on the duration of time, the time of day, how long it's going on for.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

What I would recommend is that anyone that is talking about zoning resolutions, our Zoning Commission is the body. If we need big changes or there are suggested changes in the zoning code that would be the place to flush them out. Then they can make recommendations to us as to how to possibly change or make recommendations on.

Law Director Jason Toth

I can tell you if I can, just one thing when searching. Dan our zoning inspector just handed me a copy of home-rule resolution 2001-001. This was adopted back in 2001, in accordance with section 955.221 of the Revised Code, which among other things authorizes the township to regulate noise of barking dogs which is authorized for that particular provision of the revised code. This establishes when the dogs are controlled or how a person controls their dog, they don't want them running at large, etc. I have a copy of this here if you'd like.

Jim Brutz

If I would put a speaker off my window and directed to my neighbor's house and turn on country music for 24/7 would I be in violation of Howland zoning?

Law Director Jason Toth

Technically under the terms of the zoning resolution we don't have as I just stated, any standards, that would cause one to know what type of warning is on. I certainly wouldn't encourage anybody.

Trustee Rick Clark

The three of us, that includes Mrs. St. George. We don't get involved in enforcement.

It's Dan's interpretation of enforcement, and we leave that up to him.

I've got two hands here, whoever wants to go first. Now at this point, we've opened the meeting up to anyone who cares to address the board.

Matt Fortelli – 7401 Mines Road

We moved into Howland township in October 2020 and moved into our new home. This was a very exciting time for us, was our first actual home purchase, and we had been renters up to that point. We're excited to move into an area, such a great school system and low crime. We have two

acres. My kids can play in the woods in the back, they can enjoy, we all can enjoy. Because we're all outdoorsy kind of people in our house late February, early March, my children began riding the mini ATV and go karts, that was just formally addressed by Mr. Brutz. My boys ride for about 20 minutes at a time a couple times a day and three to four days a week, and mix that up with playing in our woods when they weren't doing schoolwork. His clients notified us via text message that they were unhappy with the ATVs. I've limited the amount of time they were allowed to ride on ATVs, to just a couple of times a week. This was not sufficient for them, they notified us that they will not compromise on the matter and furthermore we should assimilate into the neighborhood we move into and not expect them to conform for us. We limited the use of the ATVs to a couple times every couple of weeks trying to ease the situation between us and the neighbors.

We received a cease and desist letter from them after that. They could not apparently find any reason why we couldn't ride ATVs during normal daylight hours for 20 minutes at a time and not excessively. Since then, they've sued us for \$650,000 in civil court, that's the case, he was referring to. So, that's what they want 100% quiet 100% of the time. I've tried to remain respectful up to this point, what they're asking for is absurd. We don't ride them extensively, we only ride them on our property. We don't ride late at night or early in the morning. I respect the Howland Township zoning rules and regulations. They've been taking pictures of my family. They've been standing on the corner of their fence staring at us menacingly. They've done everything to make us feel uncomfortable during our move. They've wasted countless township resources by calling police fire and zoning departments on the previous owners of the same house. The previous owners, and I didn't get the privilege to meet those previous owners they said the only reason they moved were because of these two neighbors harassing them constantly for 18 months straight. In 18 months, they were able to run them out. Dozens and dozens of calls to those departments that only lead to one single citation. Dozens of times the fire department was called out, sent to the house for no legitimate reason. The owners were never cited. I hear that they are trying to do that to us as well. I'm not asking for any special protections or anything. I just don't want to see anything happen. Your home is supposed to be your sanctuary, the place where despite everything else that's happening in your life you can feel comfortable. They seem determined to not let us feel comfortable. My wife and children are afraid to leave the house when I'm not at home. So, every time I'm at work, they won't leave the house and that can lead to long periods of time where they're cooped up. My family is suffering physically and emotionally. I just want to be left alone. I'm trying very hard to show my family that we are in a comfortable settling in this wonderful township and I appreciate your time for letting me speak my peace.

Trustee Rick Clark

We are all familiar with the situation, your situation and previous situation. And we're not, whether it be you or them not going to give anybody any special consideration. We're going to follow the zoning text as it's written now or in the future. Not that we're ignoring this whole issue, but there is litigation. So, all three of us are being very careful on what we say and we don't want to implicate the township or saying that might be improper that could affect the litigation in either direction. Anyone else?

Rick King – 491 Avalon Drive

Thank you, Rick King 491 Avalon Dr. I see a lot of people from Avalon here and I'm waiting for somebody step up. I want to thank Darlene, Rick and Dave. Everybody's responded to our pictures and emails. I know Julie's been posting a lot of things. You know, I'm going to say something very briefly. You know we've come into Howland and see that banner that says world class community, and to me that means a lot. For those of you who don't know me I've lived here 45 years. I've been involved in schools for that time and I take a lot of pride in that. Dave, I can't argue with how much rain came down in inches the amount of time, but I don't want to hear the expectation is we're going to have flooding. I don't care if a person lives in a \$50,000 house, or a \$500,000 house.

That's not why we live in these neighborhoods. I think right now, everybody is aware there is some type of problem. I have trust, you're going to address the situation, and that's all I'm asking. And I think that's all my neighbors are asking that the situation be addressed, the pipes and sewers be checked. If there's a problem, and we'll move forward on it. That is all that I am asking.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Thanks for coming Rick. I know that we've already talked to the county engineer. Dave was up there looking at the pipes, with the County engineer.

Rick King

He's got a cone right in front of my yard and I'm waiting to see what happens with that cone.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

That was brought to light and I looked into it. I've been out there several times and had the County Engineer along. We thoroughly looked at the systems, pulled man holes and saw no obstruction. The pipes were checked by Tom Gintis from the county engineer's office. Nothing was found. I was there 20 minutes after the rain yesterday. All that was left was water running down the gutter line. There was not water in the street, no water in the roadway and no water on the properties. That tells me that once the rain stopped, the system was functioning. That system was designed for a 10-year storm. It is designed to maintain a steady rainfall in a ten-year time frame. We are getting extreme events. A 2.5-inch rain in 20 minutes is a very extreme event. We've had flooding in the township where in areas there is normally no flooding. If there was an obstruction, the water would have not gone away or would not have subsided within a 20-minute period. If there was a blockage that would have still been there when I got there. I can pull man hole covers and I can run my flushing system. I can run the jet thru all the systems and almost guarantee you we will find nothing. The problem is what's coming out of the sky.

Rick King

That's not reassuring. How many people have flooded basements.

Unknown

I've been here for 28 years, and I understand my power went out for an hour and a half but never in 28 years with torrential rainfalls has my basement ever flooded. I've never seen the backup on the street so, what besides the amount of rain in 45 minutes or 20 minutes, what else could have made that happen because after 28 years we've seen a lot of heavy rains.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Where do you live?

Unknown

I live at 434 Avalon. I'm just saying that we've all we've been there a long time we've had a lot of rain. We've never had this, what changed?

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Did the flooding occur when you lost power?

Unknown

Yes, but we've lost power in the past during heavy rains and my basement never flooded.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

I don't know. All I can do is check the systems. And all I can do is, inform you that nothing has been found. No existing blockage, nothing has been found that we can obviously see.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

If there is no blockage in the system. Okay, that's when David's going to come in. He's looking through the systems and the county engineers also. This is where you ask the county engineer to look at the system. You guys are in drainage district. So, the county engineer has the control and authority over that system and can make improvements or changes to that system to address what those issues are. It takes some time for him to do that. To gather exactly to make sure it's not this, this or this, before he goes on to X Y or Z. So, I can assure you that the county engineer knows that and is working on it. We'll be having. I would suspect meetings with the Public Works Department, and neighbors. When he's able to figure out exactly what the issue is, and what needs to be done to address that because of physical capacity, it's a structural issue and not a drain blockage issue. That's a whole different issue than making sure that there's catch basins are cleaned out with those things. Okay, so they're making sure that it's not an easy answer.

Trustee Rick Clark

Yes sir.

Tom Ross – 455 Avalon Drive

My name is Tom Ross, for about five years I was the golf superintendent at Avalon South golf course, from 2005 to 2013. The development that I lived in, I really didn't care for because we took all their water. If you're familiar there was a sinkhole repair in 2006 at friend's house. It was a 48-inch pipe and it was replaced. That drains into a retention pond, and then that goes to 24 inch and 30-inch pipe, and that comes across the golf course outwards. So, I understand about the two and a half inches of rain. I physically walked that line, from the retention pond across number 17 fairway. There's two giant sink holes that I know the engineers are not aware of. It goes thru the driving range into a little ditch which I think is another major problem. There's that, 30-inch pipe exits into that ditch, and I took a picture of that, it was 75% underwater. So, there's no head. We used to have the same problem. Avalon Lakes improved their drainage systems, so we were taking all their water. Before a rain event, if you're familiar with #8, there's a weir board. If you put that board in it forms a pond. But that's all tied in to that ditch. So, any rain event, I would pull that out to drop the creek.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

There's a number of boards. There's a batter board that is still down in that intercept.

Tom Ross

This is 300 yards from that. There's a bridge on #8 the golf carts go across. If you look under that bridge, there's a board that if physically you put it in or out that will let it be a ditch or a pond. What it is it's creating silt and sediment. That ditch has not been cleaned out.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Mr. King cited the drainage areas where he lives. I don't know the exact addresses but that specific area, drains south. It does not drain across the golf course. That drainage goes south under Rt 82., right, and that all ties into the dressing room system necklace adroitly more design. It drains over 82, goes through Misty Woods, it goes across Springs, and then it goes down to 46 to the creek. Your talking about the pipe in the drainage network your describing goes across the golf course. First it goes to the retention pond. It takes water from basically three quarters of the development of Avalon. It takes all the that drainage network and work flows to the 48-inch pipe and to the retention pond. That whole drainage network that you're describing flows over to Girard Lake,

that's the way it flows. Two separate drainage network and two separate drainage areas. All I can tell you on that regard is I've done due diligence trying to find out if there was a blockage. I mean if there's a problem, we'll find it. We'll try to fix it, but if it isn't a blockage, and it's the semantics of how much is coming down and whether or not the network, can take those events. You know what we can do with that. That issue you're describing is that, you know that that whole area, the sink holes. They've been there, I started here 20 years ago. But that whole drainage network, if it's restricted, it can start to cause a backup for the entire system. But I will tell you it's all downgrading. What you have is those batter boards that are in that detention pond that we're talking about specifically right now. There's a certain elevation, it was designed that those boards were supposed to be at that elevation was supposed to hold so much so much water, and that was to be retained back into the system that goes back in that 48-inch pipe. Actually, by the time you get to Avalon West, the amount of water that's retained in that system normally would be about zero. But as you approach the golf course going east because of the way the pipes were laid it gets deeper. When you get to Avalon west there's going to be standing water because that's the way it was designed. There's going to be standing about eight to 12 inches of water in the entire system. That was designed to hold back a certain amount of water. Okay, so when we have these extreme events. The west side of Avalon would flood constantly. The addresses from 240, 250 to 270, there's a dip in the road. That was purposely designed to hold water under a rain storm event. It was exacerbated by the fact that in 2003, 2004 we find that the batter boards that was in that retention pond had like four or five more, which shouldn't have been there. That detention pond wasn't really a detention or retention pond, it was just a pond. So consequently, that was causing an issue with a lot of the people that live in that development. Okay, now what we're specifically talking about that, that wasn't the case. I mean I didn't have issues with that up there at that time. In the issues that they're specifically talking about in the drainage network that goes to the south. Again, due diligence, we've had my guys out there, I was out there, Mr. Clark was out there and found nothing. We found sink holes across 82 that I have addressed to ODOT. I let them know that you know there's a problem, per se, with they're dual culverts they're going to have to adjust. Everything has a basis of possibly impacting when you have a rain event. It all could add a little bit. But specifically, a 20-minute storm I will say that those sink holes or the debris that I found on the south side isn't causing water being held back.

Tom Ross

Who is responsible to maintain that ditch, from East Market Street from Avalon Lakes where the culvert is all the way through the golf course?

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Anything outside the public roadway becomes a drainage district. Anything within the right of way, is the township's responsibility. If there's a problem it's our responsibility and we'll do our best to fix it if there was a problem. We're still looking. We'll take the jet truck. We'll run the system, we'll flush them. I mean, by my own observation I think it's going to be just an exercise in futility.

Tom Ross

A lot of a lot of the residents that in 20-30 years, have seen rains worse than that.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Yesterday, it came down so hard. I haven't seen rain that hard except the for 2003 rain. I saw rivers.

Tom Ross

I saw our basement flooded. My wife got stuck in the street. I believe, the power going out has nothing to do with the catch basins.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

We're going to make sure that the drains are clean and we're going to make sure the county engineer is looking at the capacity of the system. We have stormwater regulations so that when people build on their site they make sure they're taking care of the stormwater. We have the strictest stormwater regulations in the County. It's very important to make sure that the county engineer looks at the capacity, the system to address what is becoming more frequent heavy storms, we're not getting the general rains that are lasting for six hours. We're getting deluges at one time, and it's becoming more and more normal. The question is going to become can what that system was designed for, and can it take it. We will put that in the hands of the county engineer, and then when the county engineer comes back and says, here's what we do. The residents are going to appreciate and understand what needs to be done according to what the engineer says needs to do. We are not dropping not dropping the ball, it's going to be a process.

Trustee Rick Clark

I've been here 35 years in, that neighborhood. I don't know if everybody knows this or understands it, it's not the clearest thing, but the golf course and the neighborhoods is all in the same drainage district. You know it's not just Avalon neighborhood the golf course and we're all part of it which is done by the city which I guess doesn't make any difference. So, it's not just our neighborhood. Now, at some point down the road if the county engineer year decides to do a big project, and that there might be the need for drainage upgrades it is going to be the golf course and the neighborhood. Not that this is going to be critical to everybody, but all the residents and the golf course is going have to pay. He's not going to just fix it, upgrade the system and say good luck, It's got to be as a project, we're all being assessed to pay for that project. I wouldn't know how much that would be or anything like that I'm just throwing that out there so everybody knows that that's a possibility down the road.

Tom Ross

Do you know that ditch was ever cleaned out? Have you ever seen that?

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Which ditch are you talking about?

Tom Ross

Running from 82 through the golf course.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

I know when I first got here in 2000 I golfed and I saw sink holes at that time. So, they developed before I got here. I know I haven't seen any excavation or any new piping across the golf course. So, what was there before is there now.

Tom Ross

I took two pictures and I mean they're giant sink holes.

Again, but what has happened, though, is those that batter boards that was in that detention pond have been removed. Okay, that detention pond is really at a level where the design supposed to be. The detention pond is all overgrown with cattails. But that isn't what's really holding the water back thru that system. It's there for a reason.

Tom Ross

I'm glad you're investigating it. I mean, my thoughts are I know we're we drain and where he drains. Is there a beaver dam Is there a tree stump?

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Again, I got there within 20 minutes after it stopped raining. If there was a true blockage it would have been draining slower.

Tom Ross

I appreciate your time. This is my wife. My name is Koula Ross. Were you there on July 2nd? Did you come to Avalon Drive on July 2nd? I did not but my foreman did.

Koula Ross

I have actual pictures of the storm. I have it at 8:45 which was an hour later, for me was still trickling down our streets. That's one hour and not 20 minutes later, so that means that something was not working efficiently.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

That means, 2.5 inches of rain that was still flowing throughout the surface. It was a 2.5-inch rainfall that night. Where was the last one was only .9. One inch of rain is a lot of water. If you had lived there in 2003 it was flooded for four or five hours.

Koula Ross

I appreciate that you're looking into this, but at the same time too, I'm sure if it was your basement you wouldn't want it flooded. With my husband and I, we're redoing the first floor and we have four little children living in the basement while our kitchen and everything is done upstairs on the first floor. So, we're trying to do all the repairs and fix everything from one end and now downstairs to the other. So, it's expensive. Water backup insurance only covers just a little bit. right. So, it took one week for the mitigation company to dry everything up in the basement. Now, when we get an answer well that's to be expected, that's not good enough. We can't be expecting this with another storm. When the streets flood that's not affected by a power outage, either. I mean the drainage does not carry electricity. So, I'm talking about the street. Now you know the street can flood regardless of a power outage or not. So, the thing is, I mean we're all here because we love our community, we love our neighborhood and in order to keep our houses and our home values up. That means we cannot flood like this all the time. You know, I mean if it gets really expensive. And then if you want to resell your house and you live in a flood zone, how are you going to keep that value of your house? So right now, we're all in this together, because we don't want this to happen ever again. So, I understand you're doing your job, we're trying to do our job. We're trying to live in our homes. So, this doesn't happen again. So, I really appreciate everyone looking into this. But hopefully, we'll take it even a step further and say, well if we don't find a problem, maybe we need to adjust something. Maybe we need to add more drainage more pipes, so this could never happen again.

Unknown

I just wanted to say down by our Alberinis and the Power's house right on that curve, there's a drain there that is so covered. I've been trying to sweep off on a bit now but it's almost like pottery on it. I think when people drive by, they don't even know there's a drain there. This morning when I went by it, it was like silk covered. it's been blocked since before July 2.

Trustee Rick Clark

We can get that David. Anyone? Yes mam.

Unknown

I wanted to say that Julie walks the neighborhood more than me. She tries to keep the drain uncovered. We still have people mowing their yards and throwing grass and leaves in the road. Isn't there something you can do?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

We have a resolution on it, the problem, the problem is that under the Revised Code, Chapter 504 a police officer has to be there to witness the act occurring and to be able to issue the citation against the individual. You can't go back and presume that somebody blew the leaves or whatever. If you see it being done I tell everybody on zoning whatever issues you have a video camera on your phone. Take photos and videos and submitted to the township. Then we can discuss it Jason as to what could possibly be done. It's difficult to try to enforce that resolution, because the revised code does not let us send Dan, Dave or Kim out to issue the citation, it's got to be issued by a police officer.

Administrator Darlene St. George

But if you call the township. If you see it happening and then you call us. We'll send someone out right then to talk to the person.

Unknown

And as appreciated as that would be I could have two things to say about. By the time he got there they would be done because it doesn't take that long to do. Other than the grass would be the evidence out in the street. And first and foremost, I can think of a lot of better things that my police department can be doing for me than going and checking, grass clippings out on the street.

Administrator Darlene St. George

Well I didn't say necessarily that I'm sending a police officer. I'm just telling her, if that's a constant issue with a neighbor, because we all we all have that I think in every neighborhood you have that one person that might be inconsiderate and drive your grass on the street. I'm saying you can do one of two things or you can do them both. You can videotape it and then tell us or you can call us right when it's happening. We can send someone out to warn them, then give them a copy of our zoning, that's the first thing that we would do, we wouldn't necessarily set the police to find that the first time. What we would do is send Dan or someone out there with a copy of the Home Rule resolution that says that warn them. Say hey, you're doing this, here's our law against it. Please don't do it again.

Trustee Dr. James Lapolla

If you take pictures I will forward the pictures and I would say 99.9% of time it gets addressed. So, don't be afraid to take a picture. I mean don't put yourself in a position that there's a person in your neighborhood your taking a picture of may come and do some retaliation on you. But don't be afraid to take a picture. We have never let anybody down. Let us do due diligence, gather data information and then gather data, then we can execute a plan.

Unknown

Well that's all we're asking.

Trustee Rick Clark

Anyone else?

Unknown

Yes, I got one more. My question is, who is responsible for the aged lines between the catch basins in the Township? The sanitary engineer or who?

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

What 8-inch lines are you talking about?

Unknown

That you drain your downspouts into.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

As part of the development approved, first and foremost, by an engineer or designer of the development. Through the process of going through approval. Some lines are typical in developments, specifically for downspouts, and sump pumps. Those lines then get directed down into the existing storm sewer lines that are 18 inches. Those networks are specifically put in to service down spouts. They're not put in to service surface catch basins. They are typically put in to service the houses storm system. Sanitary sewers are not connected to any of it, they shouldn't be. Sanitaries are a sole system in itself. A lot of people have back up in their basements. The way it works as your basement drains, because it's so much deeper than the existing storm sewers and a lot of people who do not have sumps in their basement. Footer drains in to the sanitary system are no longer allowed. But it was an acceptable process 50, 60 years ago. It's no longer acceptable, really, they are called illegal connections. I don't know of anything in the Avalon area, if anybody's connected with the sanitary system.

Trustee Rick Clark

But anyway, that wasn't your question. We had Chris out there.

Unknown

Chris was out there talking about this. We are the eighth house on the street. When you look at 401, 391 and 381 we do not have those eight-inch lines. When I contacted the township. At that time, they told me it was the county engineer's responsibility.

Road Superintendent Dave McCann

Now, we're talking about the last 25-30 years there, there's those systems that are being built with having the downspout systems and sump systems built on the backside of the curves. A lot of times, the storm laterals were either directed directly to the storm sewer or if you didn't a lot of them were directed directly to the curb line. You'll see in some developments where the water is just being dumped on the curb and was running constantly. There isn't that 8" line to tap into, nor is there an actual storm sewer in front of that specific resident that can actually tie their downspouts or sump lines into.

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Okay, so we're responsible for in the right of way and outside the right of way is the home owner's responsibility.

Trustee Rick Clark

Does that answer your question? Well what did Chris tell you when he was out there early?

Unknown

Chris look the catch basin. A lot of them have been replaced in Avalon. Because what I understood, when they put the catch basins in to begin with they weren't put in right. So, what they had to do is reinforce those with brick to get them up to the road level. By reinforcing with brick, it deteriorates over time and the catch basin collapses.

Trustee Rick Clark

Anyone else care to address the Board?

Ed Palumbo – 201 Sanctuary

I want to talk about what I talked about last meeting online about this Coronavirus report. It's money that the federal government is passing out like candy. Somebody is going to have to pay for it. Now there's a reporting period. The reporting period was 10/20/20, and there's seven cycles in that reporting period. So, that was the first reporting period. Now it showed a balance of \$920,300. Now as I said before, my opinion is that if I'm paying federal taxes, and I'm paying for this gift this worthless paper gift that they're passing around. I have a right to know what's being done with it. Since I pay federal income taxes, and I'm going to be paying for it, and you're going to be paying for it, and your grandchildren are to be paying for it. So, I think I asked you the last time that you or any other entity that gets this money should show the people how much you've got and what you did with it since they're paying for it.

Administrator Darlene St. George

Where did you pull your report from?

Ed Palumbo

I just happened to be watching WKBN news. And there they were talking about it, and they put that little square symbol up there, and you take a picture of it and bingo, it takes you right there. I can tell you any city or township or county in the state, how much they got.

Administrator Darlene St. George

Unfortunately, WKBN News did not put the whole report on their page. Vanessa turned everything over to them. It's all public information and we are currently being audited at the moment, by the state of Ohio, on the cares act funding money. We can account for every penny of it and we'll be happy to share it with you. You can either call me or come stop in and I'll be happy to give you a copy of the report.

Ed Palumbo

Yeah. Thank you very much, but I think it should be on the website where everybody would get to see it. So, everybody in the community knows how much you got, what you did with it and there's no surprises down the road.

Administrator Darlene St. George

There's a state site that you can go to. I'm sorry, I don't have it with me right now but I know that it's all on accounted for and reported to the state, and there is a site you can pull it all up.

Matthew Vansuch

If you would like to give me your email address, I'll be happy to email to you.

Ed Palumbo

Because right now they think they're going to pass three and a half trillion more. And the only way they can say they can pay for it If you decide to smoke marijuana and Chuck Schumer said that's a great idea. So, you'll be looking at \$5.9 trillion. If that goes through, which will be seven times taxes, greater than the Trump tax cut.

Can I ask this gentleman a question? What do you know about the annexation?

Law Director Jason Toth

About which annexation? I deal with many annexations.

Matthew Vansuch

Jason is not representing the township on the annexation issues because he's also employed by the Trumbull County prosecutor's office. Conflict of Interest and cannot represent the township which required us to go outside counsel, which is what we did last year. No updates since last month.

Trustee Rick Clark

Anyone else care to address the board. Going once.

A motion was made by Rick Clark and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:59 PM and begin the Public Hearing.

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

Approved by: Robert M. Costello Dated: 7/16/21
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Rick D Clark Dated: 7/8/21
Rick Clark, Chairperson-Trustee

HOWLAND TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING

July 14, 2021

2022 Alternative Tax Budget Approval

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2021-082:

Per the recommendation of Fiscal Officer Robert Costello and Administrator Darlene St. George, approve the Alternative Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 and recommend for consideration to the Trumbull County Budget Commission. (Budget attached in its entirety)

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

Summary of Meeting:

A motion was made by Rick Clark and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:01 PM.

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

Approved by: Robert Costello Dated: 7/16/21
 Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Rick Clark Dated: 7/16/21
 Rick Clark, Chairperson-Trustee