

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on December 7, 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 suspend the reading of November 10, 2021 meeting minutes and accept as written.

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 authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to pay all outstanding invoices incurred and approve all warrants issued. (attached payment listing)

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 2021-129:

Authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to pay Z-Tech Builders & Excavating, Inc. \$4,529.00 - Invoice # 1143, dated November 1, 2021.

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 2021-130:

Authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to request and Advance of 1st Half Settlement of 2021 Real Estate Taxes from the Trumbull County Auditor in the year 2022

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 2021-131:

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Howland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio Approve the Temporary Appropriations to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, the sums be and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year (Copy Attached)

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 2021-132:

Authorize Fiscal Officer Robert Costello to reduce the following funds and request an Amended Certificate from the Trumbull County Auditor:

Fund 4402: 2021 Road Resurfacing OPWC Decrease (\$34,955.61)
(OPWC Project is Complete)

Revenue Budget

4402-538 (Local Public Works Commission) (\$34,955.61)

Appropriation Budget

4402-330-730-2100 (Improvement of Sites (OPWC Grant Contribution) (\$34,955.61)

Fund 2904: 2020 FEMA Assist. To Firefighters Grant

Decrease (\$47,778.57)
(Uncollected Grant Money)

Revenue Budget

2904-519-0000 Other Federal Receipts (\$47,778.57)

Appropriation Budget

2904-220-740-2501 Machinery, Equipment and Furniture (FEMA AFG Grant Contribution) (\$47,778.57)

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 2021-133:

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve Howland Township to apply for the Ohio Department of Transportation's Township Stimulus Program.

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 2021-134:

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING the Chairman of Howland Twp. Board of Trustees to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement with Janssen/Johnson & Johnson pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

WHEREAS, Howland Township, Ohio is a township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and Howland Township has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Companies; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by Janssen/Johnson & Johnson to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Settlement Agreement with the Proposed Settlement:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWLAND, OHIO.

Section 1. That THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES is authorized to accept the Proposed Settlement on behalf of Howland Township pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this BOARD, and that all deliberations of this BOARD and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

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 2021-135:

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, and D3 liquor permits from Bahama Breeze Holdings, LLC., Orange, OH 44122 to Rare Hospitality International Inc., DBA Longhorn Steakhouse, 1980 Niles Cortland Rd., Howland Township.

- 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.
- D3 Spirituous liquor for on premises consumption only until 1:00am.

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 2021-136:

Per the recommendation of Police Chief Nick Roberts, the Board of Trustees of Howland Township “DO NOT” request a hearing for the new C2 liquor for Watu Peoples Market, LLC, DBA Niles Road Market – 2957 Niles Rd. Warren, OH 44484.

- C2 Wine and mixed beverages in sealed containers for carry out.

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

Summary of Meeting:

Trustee Rick Clark

Anything for the agenda?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

Nothing for the agenda.

Trustee Rick Clark

Anything you want to discuss?

Trustee Matthew Vansuch

I want to thank David and his crew for getting the 15- foot tall Christmas tree up in Orwig Park this year. That's bigger than we normally get. The tree lighting festival that Jessica Gault and Shawn Pompelia put together with a lot of sponsors in the community was very well attended this year. It snowed, it was cold. I didn't rain and it didn't thunderstorm. They also took care of getting the lights and I give them a lot of credit for taking that project on. I wanted to thank them and let it be known that the community appreciates the work that they did. So, we're always looking to improve these things and I know we'll have some suggestions and discussions with them next year. So, I wanted to thank everybody that helped to make that a great event.

Trustee Rick Clark

Chief Pantalone, anything to discuss?

Fire Chief Jim Pantalone

Just a little bit on call volume this year. No surprise that our call volume is certainly creeping up this last few years as difficult as it had been for everybody. Our department EMS has been running hard. Any of us those here at the administration building it seems like some days the calls just continue and continue. I urge people once again as a safety we are coming to the holidays and I get that everybody wants to get together, but I would be remiss not to talk about people really considering getting a shot. Two close friends of mine are very ill. It is stressing our hospitals. We have a meeting tomorrow evening with the Trumbull County Fire Chiefs to talk about patient loading in the hospitals and what's going on. They are backed up. It's real and it is stressing the EMS system across the board. Staff wise we're doing well overall. We have had a couple individuals out which has bumped up the overtime a little bit. But we are keeping the three stations staffed during this time because it is critical. There are a lot of incredible patients out there. So again, I would be remiss not to encourage people to really think about what they do over the holiday season and to be safe.

Trustee Rick Clark

Any questions for the chief? Chief Robert, anything?

Police Chief Nick Roberts

Yeah, just a reminder holidays are quickly approaching and our officers will be utilizing our step grant that we received this past year for our mandatory traffic blitzes. So, December 17 through the 31st we'll be out in full force, conducting our winter holiday drive sober or get pulled over. So, everyone please party responsibly.

Trustee Rick Clark

I saw there's some problems with cars in the Foxcroft area.

Police Chief Nick Roberts

Foxcroft area actually happened early this morning. There was a white pickup truck driving through the neighborhood. He stopped in front of somebody's house got out, pulled on a couple doors in the driveway and got back in his truck and left. So that's also a reminder to keep your doors locked. Don't leave any valuables in your cars especially this time of year because they're looking for Christmas presents or purses or wallets and money. So, make sure you lock your doors.

Trustee Rick Clark

Any questions for the chief? Dan, any zoning reports?

Zoning Inspector Dan Morgan

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the last 30 days, the zoning Department has issued 21 zoning permits. With those permits, there's been \$536,903 in project cost that property owners are putting back into their properties. We do have 71 open property maintenance in zoning violations. That's kind of a fluid number. Complaints come in every day we open and close them depending on the complaint and how far we can get with the property owner. The property in 1166 Niles Cortland Road right next to the cemetery on Niles Cortland. Wolford's hauling came in and completely cleaned up the property for us. So that is completed. That's all I have, any questions?

Trustee Rick Clark

Bob, any correspondence this evening?

Fiscal Officer Robert Costello

I really don't have anything to discuss.

Trustee Rick Clark

I want everyone to know for that eight o'clock on December 28 in the morning will be our last meeting of the year. It's kind of an organizational meeting. Closing out a lot of things we did during the year. No department heads are expected to be there. Anyone have any questions for any of us or the department heads? If not, can I have a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:17 PM.

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

Approved by: Robert Costello Dated: 12/8/21
Robert M. Costello, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Rick Clark Dated: 12/8/21
Rick Clark, Chairman - Trustee