

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on December 28, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the Howland Township Government Building, 205 Niles Cortland Rd. NE, Warren, OH 44484.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to excuse Trustee Rick Clark for personal reasons.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution **2023-184:**

Approve that all Howland Township employees, as per the attached listing, be rehired at their current pay and benefits per the Township Personnel Policy for the year 2024.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution **2023-185:**

Authorize the 2024 annual salaries for the Howland Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer be paid the maximum salary allowed per the Ohio Revised Code.

In addition, approve the provision of life/AD&D insurance for \$25,000 and health insurance benefits as provided in the current group insurance policy, as provided to the employees of Howland Township.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution **2023-186:**

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve the 2024 OPERS Sick Leave Conversion Plan for Howland Township. The plan is pursuant to Section 145.1 of the Ohio Revised Code and Administrative Code 145-1-26.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution **2023-187:**

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve to retain the following firms to provide legal services on an “as needed” basis for the year 2024.

Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP
O’Halloran & Ohanian LLC
Albers & Albers
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Arnoff, LLP.
Manchester Newman and Bennett
Baker & Dublikar
Alfred E. Schrader of Roderick Linton Belfance, LLP

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution **2023-188:**

Per the recommendation of Administrator Darlene St. George, approve the renewal of the 2024 General Liability Insurance with OTARMA for \$86,095.39.

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

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution **2023-189:**

Authorize Fiscal Officer Thomas Krispinsky to pay Roderick Linton Belfance LLP \$11,336.20- Invoice 21784- dated 12-15-2023 for Niles Annexation fees.

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

COMMENTS FROM BOARD

Trustee Matthew Vansuch and Dr. James LaPolla: We would like to thank Rick Clark for all his time and years of service to the Township.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ed Polumbo: On item number 8 dealing with the Attorney invoice, is that the final invoice? Matt Vansuch told him that is the final invoice.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 A.M.

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

Approved by: Thomas Krispinsky Dated: 12/29/23
Thomas Krispinsky, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Dr. James LaPolla Dated: 12/29/23
Dr. James LaPolla, Vice-Chair