

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

3525 Byron Road Howell, MI 48855
April 8, 2024
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Coddington	Supervisor
Sue Daus	Clerk
Jonathan Hohenstein	Treasurer
Matthew Counts	Trustee
Harold Melton	Trustee
Bob Wilson	Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeff Smith	Trustee
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Also in Attendance:

Fourteen people were in the audience.

Supervisor Coddington called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The roll was called. Supervisor Coddington requested members rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE BOARD:

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

April 8, 2024

Motion by Melton, **Second** by Counts, **"To approve the agenda as presented."** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

March 4, 2024

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Melton, **"To accept the minutes from March 4th as presented."** Motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

John Mills, 1750 Oak Grove Rd.: Spoke about Howell Township compensation, Oceola Township compensation.

Jason Woolford, 504 Chandler St.: Spoke about running for the State House of Representatives.

Edwin Southerland, 1990 Layton Rd.: Spoke about Layton Road.

Luke Liedel, 6063 Layton Rd.: Spoke about Layton Road.

Doug Helzerman, 6815 Sharpe Rd.: Spoke about the state of the County, Surf Wireless projects, Kristina Lyke running for the State House of Representatives.

Dom Restuccia, 511 E. Sibley St.: Spoke about running for the State House of Representatives.

Drew Hamm, 14 Santa Rosa Dr.: Spoke about running for Township Treasurer.

Trey Smith, 4442 Byron Rd.: Spoke about marijuana dispensaries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. North Clarifier Repair Project – Greg Tatara, MHOG Director
MHOG Director Greg Tatara discussed about the waste water plant operations, projects accomplished so far at the plant since MHOG took over operation of the plant, and the clarifier repair project. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Melton, **“To approve the north clarifier repair project along with the purchase of a new RAS pump not to exceed \$322,000.00 as presented.”** Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. County Administration of Addresses
Treasurer Hohenstein discussed shifting the addressing duties from the Township to the County. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Wilson, **Second** by Melton, with a friendly amendment by Melton **“To shift it to the County, it is a no brainer. Resolution number 04.24.536.”** Roll call vote: Coddington – yes, Daus – yes, Counts – yes, Melton – yes, Hohenstein – yes, Wilson – yes. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Fowlerville Schools – Collection Agreement
Treasurer Hohenstein discussed the summer tax collection agreement with Fowlerville Schools. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, **“To accept the agreement for the collection of summer school property taxes for Fowlerville Community Schools as presented.”** Motion carried.
- C. Road Chloride Bid
Treasurer Hohenstein discussed the bid from Chloride Solutions and inquired as to how many applications that Township Board would like to pay for with the understanding that the County Road Commission will be applying and paying for the first chloride application. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **“To approve Chloride Solutions dust control at the price presented for up to two applications at the Township’s expense to be determined during the summer depending upon how the roads are.”** Motion carried.
- D. Internet Discussion – As requested by Trustee Wilson
Trustee Wilson discussed the photographs he submitted to the Board of down lines along Brewer Road and internet availability on Brewer Road. Discussion followed.
- E. Marijuana Discussion – As requested by Trustee Wilson
Trustee Wilson discussed his Next Door App poll for a marijuana dispensary in Howell Township. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Wilson, **Second** by Melton, **“To vote on whether or not we allow a dispensary in Howell Township.”** Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Wilson – yes, Hohenstein – no, Melton – yes, Coddington – no, Daus – no, Counts – no. Motion failed 2-4.
- F. Payroll Discussion – As requested by Trustee Wilson

Trustee Wilson discussed the payroll documents he obtained through his FOIA request and were added to the Board packet; would like more information in the Board packet on the Township payroll. Discussion followed. Trustee Wilson discussed the Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer position.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Cherie Smith, 4442 Byron Rd.: Spoke about the process to put a marijuana dispensary on the ballot, marijuana dispensary survey, roads.

John Mills, 1750 Oak Grove Rd.: Spoke about marijuana dispensaries.

Trey Smith, 4442 Byron Rd.: Spoke about a marijuana dispensary, putting the dispensary question on the ballot.

Andrew Hamm, 14 Santa Rosa Dr.: Spoke about rules on call to the public, sending out a marijuana dispensary survey.

Luke Liedel, 6063 Layton Rd.: Spoke about Layton Road and the Layton Road project approved by the Board.

Tim Boal, 66 Santa Rosa Dr.: Spoke about the County Road Commission meeting schedule.

Cherie Smith, 4442 Byron Rd.: Spoke about putting a poll on the Township website regarding the marijuana dispensary question.

REPORTS:

A. SUPERVISOR:

No report

B. TREASURER:

Treasurer Hohenstein reported on the following items:

The two lawsuits Mugg & Bopps has filed against the Township for denying the special use permit for a gas station in the well-head protection area

Surf Wireless informed the Township that the internet project is complete and is working with Surf to complete open items prior to payment from the Township. It was the consensus of the Board to work with Surf on the portion of line that is left to be run to service residents on Allen Road.

Grand River sidewalk project with the City. The Board would like more information before coming to an agreement with the City on this project.

C. CLERK:

No report

D. ZONING:

See Zoning Administrator Hohenstein's report

E. ASSESSING:

See Assessor Kilpela's report

F. FIRE AUTHORITY:

Supervisor Coddington reported on the Fire Authority

- G. MHOG:
Trustee Counts reported on MHOG
- H. PLANNING COMMISSION:
Trustee Counts reported on the Planning Commission
- I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):
No report
- J. WWTP:
See Treasurer Hohenstein's report. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, "**Recommend approval of the budget and allocation percentage as presented.**" Motion carried.
- K. HAPRA:
Clerk Daus reported on HAPRA
- L. PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
No report
- M. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:
No report

DISBURSEMENTS: REGULAR PAYMENTS AND CHECK REGISTER:

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Melton, "**To accept the disbursements as presented and any normal and customary payments for the month.**" Discussion followed. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Melton, **Second** by Hohenstein, "**To adjourn.**" Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Sue Daus, Howell Township Clerk



Mike Coddington, Howell Township Supervisor



Tanya Davidson, Recording Secretary