

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**
3525 Byron Road Howell, MI 48855
June 10, 2024
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Coddington Supervisor
Sue Daus Clerk
Jonathan Hohenstein Treasurer

Jeff Smith Trustee
Harold Melton Trustee
Bob Wilson Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matthew Counts Trustee

Also in Attendance:

Eleven people were in attendance.

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:

June 10, 2024

Motion by Melton, **Second** by Smith, **“To approve the agenda as presented.”** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

May 13, 2024

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Melton, **“To accept the budget meeting minutes from May 13th as presented.”** Motion carried.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Melton, **“To accept the regular Board meeting minutes from May 13th as presented.”** Motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Lorena Ermacora, 1807 Oak Squire Ln.: Spoke in opposition to marijuana dispensaries.

Ken Schmenk, 508 Hightree Ct.: Spoke in opposition to marijuana dispensaries, issues with regulating dispensaries in municipalities.

Terri Moore, 3763 Crystal Valley Dr.: Spoke in opposition to marijuana dispensaries.

Mike Panczyk, 9484 Wendover Ct.: Spoke in opposition to marijuana dispensaries, lawsuits over municipalities' methods (Ypsilanti in particular) for choosing which dispensary to grant a permit.

Doug Moore, 3763 Crystal Valley Dr.: Spoke in opposition to marijuana dispensaries.

Teresa Panczyk, 9484 Wendover Ct.: Spoke in opposition to marijuana dispensaries.

Toni Michaels, 2849 Amberwood Trail: Spoke about starting a clean-up group for the Shiawassee River, the current state of the Shiawassee River, contamination and activity from property 2440 W. Highland Road.

Curt Hamilton, 1367 Crestwood Rd.: Spoke about the Shiawassee River, the PCB contamination, remediation efforts, EPA reports on the river, current activity at 2440 W. Highland Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Hold Harmless Agreement

Trustee Wilson reported on the hold harmless agreement he provided to the Board. Supervisor Coddington explained that the Township is waiting on the Township Attorney's review of the agreement and Mr. Wilson's insurance coverage. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Leppek Rezoning Request from NSC to IFZ for parcel 4706-20-100-027

Treasurer Hohenstein reported on the rezoning request, the recommendation from the Planning Commission was to approve the request, the recommendation from the County Planning Department was to approve the request. Discussion followed.

Motion by Smith, **Second** by Hohenstein, **"To approve the rezoning for parcel 4706-20-100-027 from the current of NSC to the proposed of IFZ based on the conditions as presented."** Motion carried, 1 dissent.

B. Ballot Proposal Request for Dispensaries to be Allowed/Disallowed in Howell Township for November 2024

Trustee Wilson spoke on allowing a marijuana dispensary in the Township, putting the matter on the November ballot. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Wilson, **"To put it on the ballot."** Clarity was requested. **"To approve a dispensary in Howell Township, on the ballot. People get tired of living in a dictatorship."** No support for the motion was received. Motion failed due to lack of support.

C. South Branch Shiawassee River Clean-Up Project, Guest Speakers Attending

Trustee Wilson reported on the Shiawassee River in Howell Township, would like to start a committee to work on cleaning the river up. Discussion followed. Supervisor Coddington agreed to reach out to the County Drain Commission and be the contact with the public on this issue.

D. Social Media

Trustee Wilson spoke about getting the Township to use social media, would like the Township to post polls for community input. Discussion followed.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Lorena Ermacora, 1807 Oak Squire Ln.: Invited everyone to the substance abuse disorder fair being put on by the Livingston County Health Department.

John Mills, 1750 Oak Grove Rd.: Spoke on the Shiawassee River clean-up and the process to petition the County Drain Commission to perform work on a drain.

Michkaya Gauci, 2446 Amberwood Trail: Spoke on the use of social media and getting younger people involved.

REPORTS:

A. SUPERVISOR:

No report

B. TREASURER:

Treasurer Hohenstein reported that the Treasury Department is working on preparing the summer tax bills

C. CLERK:

Clerk Daus reported that the permanent absentee ballot applications have been sent out.

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:

Supervisor Coddington reported on MHOG

H. PLANNING COMMISSION:

Trustee Wilson reported on the Planning Commission. See draft minutes.

I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):

Trustee Smith reported on the ZBA. See draft minutes.

J. WWTP:

Treasurer Hohenstein reported on the wastewater treatment plant and the need for a new aeration pump. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Melton, **"To approve the replacement of the aeration pump from Detroit Pump as presented on an emergency basis.** Motion carried.

K. HAPRA:

Clerk Daus reported on HAPRA's survey.

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."** Motion carried.

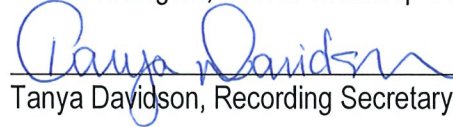
ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Smith, **"To adjourn at this time."** Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.



Sue Daus, Howell Township Clerk



Mike Coddington, Howell Township Supervisor



Tanya Davidson, Recording Secretary