

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**
3525 Byron Road Howell, MI 48855
July 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

Also in Attendance:

Five 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:

Treasurer Hohenstein requested to remove the closed session for Oakland Tactical.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

July 8, 2024

Motion by, Melton **Second** by, Hohenstein **“To approve the agenda as presented plus the omission of the closed session.”** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

June 10, 2024

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Melton, **Second** by Counts. **“To approve the meeting minutes as presented for the 10th.”** Motion carried, 1 dissent.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Curt Hamilton, 1367 Crestwood Lane.: Spoke about Shiawassee River and EPA Report that is to be released by August, would like it added to a future Board agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Oakland Tactical v. Howell Township

Treasurer Hohenstein reported on the status of the Oakland Tactical v. Howell Township lawsuit. The closed session was removed from the agenda because Oakland Tactical had requested the entire Sixth Circuit Court review the case and the Court denied Oakland's request. Oakland's last option is to apply to the U.S. Supreme Court.

B. Spring Clean-Up Day Summary

Treasurer Hohenstein reported on Deputy Treasurer Murrish's summary of the spring clean-up day and requested next year's clean-up day to be May 17, 2025. It was the consensus of the Board to accept May 17, 2025 for the spring clean-up day.

C. Attorney Reviewed Agreement for Walking Path Maintenance

Treasurer Hohenstein discussed the agreement drafted by the Township attorney. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Wilson, **"To approve the independent contractor agreement with Howell Township and Robert K. Wilson as presented."** Discussion followed. Mr. Wilson had submitted a sample insurance policy; Board members would like the Township attorney to review Mr. Wilson's actual insurance policy before it is approved. Roll call vote: Melton- yes, Daus-yes, Wilson-yes, Coddington-yes, Counts- no, Hohenstein- yes. Motion carried 5-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Other Township Clean-Up Day Options - Discussion

Deputy Treasurer Murrish put together other possible items for a fall clean-up day event including electronic recycling, paper shredding, composting, and Red Barrel Day. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, **"Move to accept fall event proposal as presented."** Motion carried.

B. Human Resources - Recommendations

Treasurer Hohenstein discussed the Human Resource Committee's recommendations for Township employee pay increases for 2024-2025; to use Social Security's cost of living adjustment plus 1% for an increase of 4.2%. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Melton. **"To accept human committee's recommendation for proposed 2024-2025 payroll increases for Township employees as presented."** Motion carried, 1 dissent.

C. Officer Salary – Discussion / Resolutions

Board discussed Township Officer salaries.

Motion by Melton, **Second** by Hohenstein **"To up it by 4.2%, resolution number 07.24.537."** Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Hohenstein- yes, Daus- yes, Counts- yes, Wilson- no, Coddington- yes, Melton-yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Hohenstein **"To accept Resolution 07.24.538 for a 4.2% increase for the Clerk."** Roll call vote: Daus-yes, Wilson-no, Coddington-yes, Melton- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Counts- yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Melton **"To accept Resolution 07.24.539 for a 4.2% increase as presented."** Roll call vote: Wilson- No, Melton- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Coddington- yes, Daus-yes, Counts-yes. Motion carried 5-1.

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus **"To accept Resolution 07.24.540 for a 4.2% increase."** Roll call vote: Counts- yes, Coddington- yes, Hohenstein- yes, Melton- yes, Wilson- no, Daus-yes. Motion carried 5-1.

D. 2023-2024 Budget Amendments

Treasurer Hohenstein explained the budget amendments from Deputy Supervisor Kilpela. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **"To accept budget amendments as presented."** Motion carried, 1 dissent.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REPORTS:

- A. SUPERVISOR:
Supervisor Coddington reported working with the County on the Shiawassee River situation
- B. TREASURER:
Treasurer Hohenstein reported that summer tax bills have been mailed out
- C. CLERK:
Clerk Daus reported that ballots 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:
Trustee Counts reported on MHOG
- H. PLANNING COMMISSION:
See draft minutes
- I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):
No report
- J. WWTP:
Treasurer Hohenstein reported that the operators need a portable dissolved oxygen meter to help run the plant. **Motion** by Melton, **Second** by Hohenstein **"To approve the cost of the portable dissolved oxygen meter for \$2,343.00."** Motion carried.
- H. HAPRA:
Clerk Daus reported on the Rec on the Go Van and focusing on the millage
- I. PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
No report
- J. 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 Daus, **“To adjourn.”** Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.



Sue Daus, Howell Township Clerk



Mike Coddington, Howell Township Supervisor



Marnie Hebert, Recording Secretary