

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

3525 Byron Road Howell, MI 48855

February 12, 2024

6:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Also in Attendance:**

Nineteen 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:**

No additions

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

February 12, 2024

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

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

January 8, 2023

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Motion by Melton, Second by Hohenstein, "To accept Board meeting minutes from January 8<sup>th</sup>." Motion carried.**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Tim Boal, 66 Santa Rosa Drive: Spoke about the Brewer Road drainage issue, the public nuisance ordinance, and the numerous misstatements from Bob Wilson in his email included in the Board packet

Bill Whalin, 3005 Brewer Road: Spoke about the Brewer Road drainage issue, would like regulations around chemicals applied to yards within 100 feet of waterways

Shane Fagan, 30 Santa Rosa Drive: Spoke about Santa Rosa Drive, public nuisance ordinance

Don LeChevalier, 2900 Brewer Road: Spoke about Brewer Road, ordinances

Charles Frantjeskos, 3353 Bowen Road: Spoke about his confusion around the complaint filed against him by Bob Wilson and the violation sent to him by the Township Zoning Administrator

Mike Onderchanin, 3426 Brewer Road: Spoke about the internet availability in his area

Shane Fagan, 30 Santa Rosa Drive: Spoke about Bob Wilson's complaint against Charles Frantjeskos, Santa Rosa Drive, nuisance ordinance

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Brewer Road Drainage- As requested by Bob Wilson

**Motion** by Wilson, **Second** by Melton, "**To adopt an ordinance to prevent people from dumping water into a roadway and causing damage or much more doing anything that would cause damage in the roadway although Mr. Boal here has already its already in the books please enforce it I'd like to have a motion made to enforce the ordinance as I read it or make another one as how you guys would interpret it.**" Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Smith – no, Counts – no, Wilson – yes, Daus – no, Melton – no, Hohenstein – no, Coddington – no. Motion failed 1-6. **Motion** by Wilson, "**To have the ordinance department enforce the ordinances on the books to stop this.**" Motion received no support. Discussion followed. [SUPERVISOR CODDINGTON AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM WITH THE PRESENT ORDINANCES THAT WE HAVE.]

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. 2022-2023 Township Audit and Financial Update

Deputy Supervisor Kilpela gave an overview of the 2022-2023 Township audit. Deputy Supervisor Kilpela gave an overview of the current Township budget ending January 31, 2024, discussed cash flow statements, and answered questions. The Board thanked Brent for his reports.

**Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Smith, "**To deviate from the agenda to 8-D.**" Motion carried.

- B. 2024 Road Improvement Discussion

Treasurer Hohenstein discussed the documents from the Road Commission and the map depicting all of the roads that have been improved since 2011. It was the consensus of the Board to get recommendations from the Road Commission for gravel road improvements and bring it back to the Board.

- C. Cemetery Maintenance Discussion

Treasurer Hohenstein discussed the need for putting the lawn maintenance of the Township cemeteries out to bid and was seeking bid criteria prior to putting the contract out to bid. It was the consensus of the Board to put a 1-year contract out to bid with the following requirements: paid per mow (including mowing, trimming, and blowing off debris from driveway), photographic proof of job completion, spring clean-up, fall clean-up, and grave reseeding. **Motion** by Wilson, **Second** by Melton, "**To have the Treasurer go out for bids.**" Motion carried.

- D. Rezoning Request from OS to NSC, parcels 4706-25-200-047, 4706-25-200-048

Trustee Counts discussed the rezoning request. Engineer Patrick Cleary, Boss Engineering, discussed the request and answered questions. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, "**To approve the rezoning request from Office Service to Neighborhood Service Commercial for parcels 4706-25-200-047, 4706-25-200-048 as presented.**" Roll call vote: Hohenstein – yes, Smith – yes, Counts – yes, Wilson – yes, Coddington – yes, Daus – yes, Melton – yes. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Walking Path Maintenance Proposal

Treasurer Hohenstein discussed the walking path behind the Township Hall and using an herbicide to keep the path clear. It was the consensus of the Board to get a quote on a child-safe, pet-safe product.

F. METRO Act Extension Request – ACD.net

Treasurer Hohenstein discussed the METRO Act extension request from ACD.net. **Motion by Hohenstein, Second by Melton, "To accept METRO Act right-of way permit extension from ACD.net as presented."** Motion carried.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Shane Fagan, 30 Santa Rosa Drive: Spoke on road improvements

Don LeChevalier, 2900 Brewer Road: Spoke on the nuisance ordinance, the 5 accidents on Brewer Road in front of his house, what is a safe speed to travel down a bumpy gravel road, how fast Bob Wilson drives down Brewer Road and other actions by Mr. Wilson when he drives on Brewer Road, enforcing the nuisance ordinance, how long Mr. Wilson's lawn is, about Mr. Wilson's Christmas lights on his roof and what it spells, Mr. Wilson shooting at all times of the night, Mr. Wilson's other noise ordinance violations including running engines with no muffler and putting speakers in his yard and playing music and sounds at a high volume all day and night.

Shane Fagan, 30 Santa Rosa Drive: Spoke on the petition included in the Board packet for Brewer Road

Chuck Frantjeskos, 3353 Bowen Road: Wished to address Mr. Wilson and why he was targeted

**REPORTS:**

A. SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Coddington reported that Zoning Administrator Joe Daus has notified the Township that he will be retiring March 1<sup>st</sup>.

B. TREASURER:

Treasurer Hohenstein reported on the sidewalk project with the City along Grand River, getting Tribar to pay their utility bills, wrote a letter to the operator of the M-59 billboard regarding a timing issue – which was corrected immediately. Answered Trustee Counts's question regarding the drainage issues on Brewer Road.

C. CLERK:

Clerk Daus gave an update on the upcoming elections

D. ZONING:

See Zoning Administrator Daus'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:  
There was no Planning Commission meeting in January
- I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):  
Trustee Melton reported on the ZBA. Trustee Wilson inquired about the violations on the property behind his house and complained that Zoning Administrator Daus has bad-mouthed Mr. Wilson by informing the property owner of Mr. Wilson's complaint.
- J. WWTP:  
See Treasurer Hohenstein's report
- K. HAPRA:  
Clerk Daus reported on HAPRA
- L. PROPERTY COMMITTEE:  
Treasurer Hohenstein reported on the 22-acre Tooley Road property contract termination
- M. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:  
Treasurer Hohenstein reported on Park and Recreation

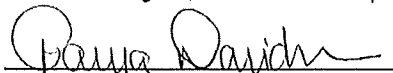
**DISBURSEMENTS: REGULAR PAYMENTS AND CHECK REGISTER:**

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 Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, "To adjourn." Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

  
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Sue Daus, Howell Township Clerk

  
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Mike Coddington, Howell Township Supervisor

  
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Tanya Davidson, Recording Secretary