

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

3525 Byron Road Howell, MI 48855

October 14, 2025

6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Coddington	Supervisor
Sue Daus	Clerk
Jonathan Hohenstein	Treasurer
Matthew Counts	Trustee
Tim Boal	Trustee
Bob Wilson	Trustee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shane Fagan	Trustee
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Also in Attendance:

34 people signed in.

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:

Trustee Wilson requested to add item 8-G, Data Center Committee

Trustee Boal requested to add item 8-H, Moratorium

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

October 14, 2025

Motion by Wilson, **Second** by Boal, **"To approve the agenda."** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

September 8, 2025

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, **"To accept the minutes from September 8th as presented."**

Motion carried.

September 8, 2025

CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Daus, **Second** by Counts, **"To approve the closed session meeting minutes from September 8th."** Motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Topics discussed: Financial and environmental impact, traffic, utility rates, impact on the aquifer, moratorium, solar panels, wind turbines, property values, air, noise and light pollution, lack of transparency, Howell Township Master Plan, community health, and welfare, impact on adjacent properties, tax revenue, decommissioning, microgrid, lack of job creation, infrastructure, mileage, residency longevity, special election, zoning, water rights and usage, water vapor, local wildlife, weaponization of data.

Public comments received by: Kristin Dennison 7196 Manor Ln., Nate Jordan 4900 Burkhart Rd., Mary Motto 780 Henderson Rd., Jennifer Hoffmeyer 5060 Owosso Rd., Joe Fulton 3528 Warner Rd., Lauren Prebenda 930 Gulley Rd., Cory Alchin 800 Sleaford Rd., Joy Detting 2516 Curdy Rd., Alejandro Garcia 2756 Silver Tree Ct., Tim Parker 2610 Oak Grove Rd., Richie Kaminski 4505 W. Marr Rd., Dan Bonello 3531 Warner Rd., Trish Jordan 4900 Burkhart Rd., William Stapel 5353 Warner Rd., Andy Pavlica 840 Lucy Rd., Gail Hay 3240 Warner Rd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Wilson, **Second** by Boal, **"To deviate from the agenda and take care of the additions."**
Motion carried.

A. Combined Sewer and Water Ordinance

Treasurer Hohenstein explained that the Township Attorney submitted a letter regarding the Board's concerns about the sewer and water ordinance. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Boal, **"To accept the water supply and wastewater collection and treatment system ordinance 294, striking 400 feet as a requirement anywhere from the ordinance."** Roll call vote: Wilson – yes, Hohenstein – yes, Counts – yes, Boal – yes, Coddington – yes, Daus – yes. Motion carried (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Financial Report – Deputy Supervisor Kilpela

Deputy Supervisor Kilpela gave an overview of the current Township budget ending September 30, 2025, discussed the Township cash flow, legal fees, General fund payback, requested a budget amendment for the Howell Township Park Master Plan, and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, **"To do a budget amendment to increase the contracted services expense to \$14,000 for the Howell Township Park Master Plan."** Motion carried.

B. 2025 Township Clean-Up Day Summary, Request for 2026

Treasurer Hohenstein discussed that Deputy Treasurer Murrish is asking for approval for the 2026 Clean-Up Day. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, **"To set the Spring Township Clean-Up Day for Saturday May 16, 2026 and the Fall Clean-Up Day as Saturday September 19, 2026 as presented."** Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Wilson **"To deviate to call to the public."** Motion carried.

C. Renewable Energy Ordinance

Trustee Boal discussed that the Township is providing an Ordinance for Renewable Energy. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Boal, **"To table the Renewable Energy Ordinance until we get it corrected as discussed."** Motion carried.

D. Storage Container Ordinance

Trustee Boal discussed the changes that have been made to the storage container ordinance. **Motion** by Boal, **Second** by Counts, **"To adopt ordinance 295 Howell Township Zoning Ordinance amendments for storage containers."** Roll call vote: Boal – yes, Wilson – no, Coddington – yes, Counts – yes, Daus – yes, Hohenstein – yes. Motion carried (5-1).

E. Resignation of Chuck Frantjeskos from the Planning Commission

The Board thanked Chuck for the time and effort that he put into the Planning Commission Board. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **"To accept Chuck Frantjeskos resignation from the Planning Commission."** Motion carried.

F. MHOG Memorandum of Understanding

Trustee Counts discussed that MHOG is branching out to become its own entity from Genoa Township. **Motion** from Hohenstein, **Second** from Daus, **"To accept the Memorandum of Understanding from MHOG as presented."** Motion carried.

G. Data Center Committee

Trustee Wilson recommended for the Board to authorize a Data Center Committee to ensure that the public has input in any ordinances that the Township creates related to Data Centers. **Motion** by Wilson, **Second** by Daus, **"To create a Data Center Committee with myself as Chair and Jodi Fulton as Co-Chair, Tim, Brent, Dan, Kristin and Cory."** Roll call vote: Coddington – yes, Wilson – yes, Daus – yes, Hohenstein – no, Counts – yes, Boal – yes. Motion carried (5-1).

H. Moratorium – Data Center

Board discussion Moratorium for the Data Center. **Motion** by Boal, **Second** by Hohenstein, **"To recommend working with our legal department to research a Moratorium pending a Data Center Ordinance."** Roll call vote: Boal – yes, Hohenstein – yes, Coddington – yes, Wilson – yes, Counts – yes, Daus – yes." Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein **"To deviate back to the regular agenda."** Motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Jodi Fulton 3528 Warner Rd.: Spoke on the possibility of future Data Centers.

Nate Jordan 490 Burkhart Rd.: Spoke on Renewable Energy large scale utility projects.

REPORTS:

A. SUPERVISOR:

No report

B. TREASURER:

See Treasurer Hohenstein's report

C. CLERK:

Reported that the generator agreement with ION is due for renewal. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **"To renew the ION Electrical Services generator maintenance agreement for the term of three years."** Motion carried.

D. ZONING:

Trustee Wilson had questions for Zoning Administrator Hohenstein.

E. ASSESSING:

See Assessor Kilpela's report

F. FIRE AUTHORITY:

Supervisor Coddington reported on Fire Authority.

- G. MHOG:
Trustee Counts reported on MHOG
- H. PLANNING COMMISSION:
Trustee Boal reported on Planning Commission. See draft minutes.
- I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):
No report
- J. WWTP:
Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, **"To accept the quote from FHC for the clarifier work as presented."** Motion carried.
- K. HAPRA:
See report
- L. PROPERTY COMMITTEE:
No report
- M. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:
Treasure Hohenstein reported that the draft for the Howell Park Master Plan was included in the packet. Discussion followed.
- N. Shiawassee River Committee:
No report

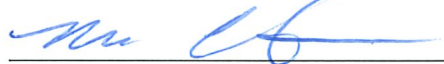
DISBURSEMENTS: REGULAR PAYMENTS AND CHECK REGISTER:

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

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **"To adjourn"** Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.



Sue Daus, Howell Township Clerk



Mike Coddington, Howell Township Supervisor



Tanya Davidson, Recording Secretary