

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

1200 W. Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843
November 20, 2025
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also in Attendance:

Township attorneys Christopher Patterson and Sophia Youssif

524 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:

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

November 20, 2025

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, **"To approve the agenda as presented."** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

October 14, 2025

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, **"To accept the minutes from October 14th as presented."**
Motion carried.

Data Center Moratorium Ordinance

Township attorney Christopher Patterson gave an overview on the proposed data center moratorium ordinance and answered questions from board members.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Topics discussed: Moratorium language change, alternate location for development, lack of job creation, high utility bills, strain on the electricity infrastructure, Township Master Plan, community impact, rezoning, community vote, water and air pollution, natural resources, damage to wells, bond for well damage, local wildlife, community values, NDA's, drone ordinance, oath of office, community health, falsified certifications,

transparency, terrorism, farmland and rural land preservation, home values, environmental concerns, Township Board recall and resignations, tax breaks for data centers, impact study and economic analysis transparency, health risks, and concerns, digital weaponization, flooding, fire department, cyber security, hyperscale data center, closed loop water system, swamp coolers.

Public comments received by: Cory Alchin 800 Sleaford Rd., Bill Brancheau 4130 Rurik Dr., Oliver Shampine 309 N Lake, Mary Motto 780 Henderson, Charles Smith 5136 Fleming Rd., Don LeChevalier 2900 Brewer, Dan Wholihan 8162 Majestic Blvd., Rob Howard, Anne-Elise Patterson Hughes Rd, Vanessa North 2950 W. Marr, Emma Sova 322 W. Washington, Jessica Kupfer 3575 Brighton Rd., Lauren Prebenda 930 Gully Rd., Gina Lowe 5789 Preston Rd., Andrew Hamm 14 Santa Rosa Dr., Sheryl Morse 3259 Kneeland Cr., Kristin Dennison 7196 Manor Ln., Robert Patterson Handy Twp., Bernadette McAllister Milford, Tom Buman Warner Rd., Jacquelyn Peters 2035 Norton Rd., Evelyn Redwine 444 Inverness St., Gary Burtka, Don Bonello 3531 Warner Rd., Cassie Helton 2854 High Meadows Dr., Thomas Ranke Sargent Rd., Harold Wines 4400 w Grand River Ave., Victoria Alchin 800 Sleaford Rd., Angela Barbash 4211 Crandall Rd., Stephanie Booth City of Howell, Trisha Murphy Howell, Susan Klepinger Marion Twp., Allen Romain Owosso Rd., Alissa Recker 7171 Manor Ln., Debbie Mannisto 2330 Tooley Rd., Jodi Fulton 3528 Warner Rd., David Foreman 6126 Pheasant Ridge Dr., Ryan Feasal 5200 Autumn Kirsten Cir., Jessica Mace 1220 Weatherstone Ln., Jake Iovan 4300 Fleming Rd., Rich Allen Shiawassee County, Maggie Tenant 2578 Marr Rd., Mark Freude 3550 Byron Rd., Martin Kubiak Owosso Rd., Andrew Kimball 1039 E Davis Rd., Donald Atkins 2660 Bowen Rd., Sandy Bessert 3011 Fisher Rd., Magdalen Tonks 1405 Shire Ct., Christa Miner 1356 W. Marr Rd., Steve Smith Conway Twp., Micki, Krista Smith 2024 Oak Grove, Joy Dettling 2516 Curdy Rd., John Galopin Putnam Twp.

Motion by Boal, **Second** by Counts **"To move back to the Data Center Moratorium Ordinance."** Motion carried.

Discussion followed. **Motion** by Boal, **"To enact the moratorium with the language that includes the rezoning at the same time."** Motion failed due to no support. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Fagan, **"To support the moratorium as presented and set the current rezoning application for a Public Hearing on December 8th at the Township Board meeting so the community gets an answer and so does the applicant, and we will be treating every applicant the same."** **"Amend motion to include ordinance No. 296."** Roll call vote: Boal – yes, Counts – yes, Wilson – yes, Daus – yes, Fagan – yes, Hohenstein – yes, Coddington – yes." Motion carried (7-0).

Motion by Counts, **Second** by Boal, **"To recess for 10 minutes."** Motion carried.

Motion by Daus, **Second** by Counts, **"To reopen the meeting."** Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Renewable Energy Ordinance and Overlay District

Motion by Hohenstein, **Second** by Boal, **"To accept Ordinance No. 297, zoning amendment to the Renewable Energy Facilities and Overlay District as presented."** Roll call vote: Hohenstein – yes, Boal – yes, Counts – no, Wilson – no, Fagan – yes, Daus – yes, Coddington – yes. Motion carried (5-2).

B. Howell Twp. V. Fagan

Informational and added to the packet for the Board's review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- C. 2026 Water Connection Fee
2026 Sewer Connection Fee

Motion by Boal, **Second** by Counts, **"Resolution 11.25.558 and 11.25.559 as 0% increase for the following year."** Roll call vote: Daus – yes, Counts – yes, Wilson – yes, Fagan – yes, Boal – yes, Hohenstein – yes, Coddington – yes. Motion carried (7-0).

- D. 2026 Meeting Dates

Treasurer Hohenstein discussed that the 2026 meeting dates need to be set by resolution.

Motion by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **"To accept resolution 11.25.260."** Roll call vote: Hohenstein – yes, Fagan – yes, Boal – yes, Counts – yes, Daus – yes, Wilson – yes, Coddington – yes. Motion carried (7-0).

- E. FOIA Appeal Determination – Ben Gresko

Township attorney Patterson discussed the processes and fee calculations that are involved with processing FOIA requests and the appeal process. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Fagan, **"To adopt the Township Attorney's recommendation as to Mr. Gresko's FOIA Appeal and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the appeal determination and related certification for the Township Board"** Motion carried.

- F. Planning Commission Appointment to Open Seat

Supervisor Coddington invited members applying for the Planning Commission seat to stand and introduce themselves. Maureen Heikkinen introduced herself. Alissa Recker introduced herself. Aaren Currie introduced himself. Dan Bonello introduced himself. Trent Holman introduced himself. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Boal, **"To accept the Supervisors appointment of Trent Holman to the vacant Planning Commission seat, term ending 12-31-27."** Motion carried, two dissents.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Public comments received by: Oliver Shampine, Spring Lake: Jennifer Provencal, 245 Foxfire Dr.: Kristin Dennison, 7196 Manor Ln.: Dan Wholihan, 8162 Majestic Blvd.: Jason Monteer, 3450 Amber Oaks Dr.: Maggie Tonks, 1405 Shire Ct. Topics discussed: opposition to the data center, Planning Commission appointment, and Wrangler's Saloon.

REPORTS:

- A. SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Coddington discussed signing an NDA and having the NDAs rescinded

- B. TREASURER:

See Treasurer Hohenstein's report. Discussion followed

- C. CLERK:

Clerk Daus reported that the Clerk's department has been inundated working on FOIA requests

- D. ZONING:

See Zoning Administrator Hohenstein's report. Discussion followed

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.

Resident Research Advisory Committee – a resident lead advisory group established to gather, analyze, and present information relevant to ordinances and regulations and relay it to the Planning Commission for further review.

I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):

No report

J. WWTP:

BioTech Agronomics contract is due for renewal. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus , **"To accept the agreement with BioTech Agronomics for 3 years as presented."** Motion carried.

K. HAPRA:

See report

L. PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

No report

M. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

See report

N. Shiawassee River Committee:

No report

DISBURSEMENTS: REGULAR PAYMENTS AND CHECK REGISTER:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

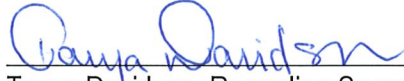
Motion by Counts, **Second** by Daus, **"To adjourn"** Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.



Sue Daus, Howell Township Clerk



Mike Coddington, Howell Township Supervisor



Tanya Davidson, Recording Secretary