

## HOWELL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD

### MEETING MINUTES

3525 Byron Rd. Howell, MI 48855

January 12, 2026

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:**

33 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:**

Treasurer Hohenstein requested to add item 8-J, Resignation of Shane Fagan from the Township Board

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

January 12, 2026

**Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, "To approve the agenda with amendments." Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

December 8, 2025

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Motion** by Daus, **Second** by Boal, "To approve the minutes from December 8<sup>th</sup>." Motion carried.

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Kristin Dennison, 7196 Manor Ln.: Spoke on the Township Master Plan, updating the Zoning Ordinances, Research and Technology (RT), Industrial (I), Industrial Flex Zone (IFZ), Agricultural Residential (AR), increasing fines for ordinance violations.

Gina Lowe, Preston Rd.: Spoke on concerns of the dangers of reckless driving in Livingston County.

Todd Kozakiewicz, 6205 Raddatz Rd.: Spoke in opposition to Data Centers, Solar Farms, and ITC Power Infrastructure.

Angela Barbash, 4211 Crandall Rd.: Spoke on Township residents working together with the Township Boards for the good of the community.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Resident Research Committee – Update

Treasurer Hohenstein reported that the information presented served as an update from the Resident Research Committee for the Board's review.

B. IT Services

IT bids were put out with the services necessary to meet IT safety compliance requirements. The Board reviewed and discussed the submitted bids. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Boal, “**To select Mann Information Technology Group for the middle tier care package of \$1,496.00 a month.**” Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Howell Township – Zoning Ordinance Update

Treasurer Hohenstein reported that the Township's Zoning Ordinance needs to be updated to address and correct any inconsistencies. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, “**To approve the proposal from Carlisle Wortman for Zoning Ordinance updates as presented.**” Motion carried.

B. Fowlerville School Tax Collection Agreement

**Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, “**Approval of Fowlerville Community Schools summer tax collection.**” Motion carried.

C. LESA Tax Collection Agreement

**Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Daus, “**Approval of Livingston Educational Service Agency summer tax collection.**” Motion carried.

D. Howell Schools Tax Collection Agreement

**Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, “**Approval of Howell Schools summer tax collection for 2026.**” Motion carried.

E. Resignation of Mike Newstead from Planning Commission

**Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Daus, “**To accept Mike Newstead's resignation from the Planning Commission.**” Motion carried. The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Newstead for the time and effort he devoted to serving the Township.

F. Planning Commission Appointment to Open Seat

Supervisor Coddington invited the applicants who applied for the Planning Commission seat to stand and introduce themselves. Dan Bonello introduced himself. Cory Alchin introduced himself. Supervisor Coddington made the recommendation of Cory Alchin for vacant Planning Commission seat. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Boal, “**To accept Cory Alchin, term ending December 31, 2027.**” Motion carried. Board discussion followed regarding Cory stepping down as Co-Chair from the Resident Research Committee due to a conflict of interest as a Planning Commission member.

G. 2026 Howell Township Fee Schedule

Treasurer Hohenstein presented a revised fee schedule detailing additions, removals, and pricing adjustments. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, “**To accept the Township Fee Schedule as presented.**” Motion carried.

H. Tooley Road Park Plan

Treasurer Hohenstein provided an overview of the projected estimated financials for the Park Plan as well as the Township Hall renovation. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, “**To table further discussion on the park plan and polling place until next month when Brent is in attendance.**” Motion carried.

I. FOIA Appeal Determination – Meg Marhofer

Clerk Daus provided an overview of the processes involved in a FOIA request and subsequent appeal. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, “**To adopt the Township Attorney’s recommendation as to Ms. Marhofer’s appeal and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Appeal Determination and Certificate on behalf of the Township.**” Motion carried, 1 dissent

J. Resignation of Shane Fagan from the Township Board

**Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, “**To accept the resignation of Shane Fagan from the Township Board as presented.**” Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Public Hearing: William McCririe, to Rezone parcels 4706-22-300-003 and 4706-22-300-042 from AR (Agricultural Residential) and RSC (Regional Service Commercial) to IFZ (Industrial Flex Zone). **Motion** by Daus, **Second** by Hohenstein, “**To open the public hearing.**” Motion carried. Applicant William McCririe spoke regarding the rezoning of both properties located on Tooley Rd., expressing his intent to preserve the house at 2050 Tooley, if feasible, as well as retain the stone structures on the property, while eliminating the barn. Trustee Counts inquired as to Mr. McCririe’s intended use of the property, and Mr. McCririe stated that he is unsure at this time. Treasurer Hohenstein inquired whether Mr. McCririe intended to combine the two properties, and Mr. McCririe stated that this would be his intent if permitted. Treasurer Hohenstein discussed his concern with all of the permitted uses in the IFZ district and their compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood.

Connie Johnson, 2750 Popple Ln.: Spoke in opposition to having LACASA and EMS labeled as Commercial

Jodi Fulton, 3528 Warner Rd.: Spoke on the number of residential homes within a half mile of the proposed rezoned property

Debbie Mannisto, 2330 Tooley Rd.: Spoke in opposition to rezoning due to added traffic near a bus stop and children’s safety

Bobette Schrandt LACASA President and CEO, 1920 Tooley Rd.: Spoke in opposition to rezoning, thanked the Board for their service to the Township

Patricia Claffey, LACASA Board Chair: Spoke in opposition to rezoning, the benefits that LACASA offers to individuals

Angela Barbash, 2211 Crandall Rd.: Spoke in opposition to rezoning, Township Master Plan, community call to support for LACASA

Kristin Dennison, 7196 Manor Ln.: Spoke on the Township Master Plan, opposition to rezoning

Mark Mannisto, 2330 Tooley Rd.: Spoke in opposition to rezoning

Matt Hall, 2071 Tooley Rd.: Spoke in opposition to rezoning

Wayne Williams, 2240 Tooley Rd.: Spoke in opposition to rezoning

Ellen Schwartz, 2071 Tooley Rd.: Spoke in opposition to rezoning

Paul Johnson, 2750 Popple Ln.: Spoke in opposition to rezoning, pollution, safety concerns due to added traffic

**Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Boal, “**To close the public hearing.**” Motion carried.

Trustee Boal declared a conflict of interest due to a legal matter and will abstain from discussing and voting on this matter. Discussion followed on the project and if the project met the factors to rezone in the Township’s Ordinance. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, “**To reject the proposed rezoning request based on the following: 1) Public comments received 2) The Township’s Planning Commission’s debate and recommendation 3) The concern regarding surrounding properties from the Livingston County Planning Commission 4) Not all uses listed in the IFZ district are compatible with this area.**” Roll call vote: Wilson – yes, Daus – yes, Hohenstein – yes, Boal – abstain, Counts – yes, Coddington – yes. Motion carried (5-0) 1 abstain.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Angela Barbash, 2211 Crandall Rd.: Inquired about potential future voting locations

Rob Spaulding, 3500 Crandall Rd.: Thanked Mike Newstead for his service on the Planning Commission, Spoke about the Township Park process

**REPORTS:**

A. **SUPERVISOR:**

Supervisor Coddington reported that there has been a request to add items to the agenda and is seeking the Boards recommendations on the best way to implement this. Discussion followed.

B. **TREASURER:**

See Treasurer Hohenstein’s report. Treasurer Hohenstein provided an update on the Township Hall renovation and requested direction from the Board due to scheduling constraints. It was the consensus of the Board to pause the Township Hall renovation until after November 2026.

C. **CLERK:**

Clerk Daus is requesting the Boards approval to attend the 2026 MAMC Clerk’s Institute. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, “**To accept the Municipal Clerks Conference for the Township Clerk as presented,**” Motion Carried.

- D. ZONING:  
See Zoning Administrator Hohenstein's report
- 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:  
See draft minutes. Trustee Boal reported on Planning Commission.  

Treasurer Hohenstein is requesting the Board's approval to allow Trent Holman and Cory Alchin to enroll in the Citizen Planner Class with MSU. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, "**To allow Trent Holman and Cory Alchin to enroll in the Citizen Planner Class with MSU.**"

Treasurer Hohenstein is seeking Board approval for the allocation of funds to establish a subcommittee to assist the Planning Commission in developing drafted language for a data center ordinance. It was the consensus of the Board that the allocation of funds would be beneficial to have the Township Planner meet with the subcommittee.

Treasurer Hohenstein is seeking Board direction regarding membership for the Michigan Association of Planners. It was the consensus of the Board that additional information is needed before a decision is made
- I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):  
Treasurer Hohenstein reported that the American Planning Association of Michigan is offering a Zoning Board of Appeals class and that members of the ZBA have expressed interest in attending. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, "**To allow members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and any relevant staff to attend either of the classes regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals.**" Motion carried.
- J. WWTP:  
See report
- K. HAPRA:  
Clerk Daus reported that HAPRA now meets at 6:00 P.M. There was not a meeting for December.
- L. PROPERTY COMMITTEE:  
Treasurer Hohenstein reported that the contract with Griffith Realty has expired and that the Township has received a listing extension agreement with Griffith Realty. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, "**To accept the listing extension agreement with Griffith Realty as presented.**" Motion carried.

M. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

No report

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.

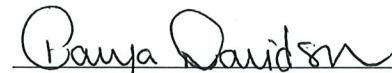
**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Counts, Second by Boal, "To adjourn" Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Sue Daus, Howell Township Clerk



Mike Coddington, Howell Township Supervisor



Tanya Davidson, Recording Secretary