

**HOWELL TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

3525 Byron Rd. Howell, MI 48855  
February 9, 2026  
6:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mike Coddington	Supervisor
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**Also in Attendance:**

Joe Verlin – Gabridge and Company  
Deputy Supervisor Kilpela  
23 people signed in

Clerk Daus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The roll was called. Clerk Daus requested members rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO THE BOARD:**

Treasurer Hohenstein requested that Agenda Item 7-A, Tooley Road Park Plan and Polling Place Discussion be moved to follow Agenda Item 8-G.  
Clerk Daus asked whether any Board member wished to preside over the meeting. Trustee Boal volunteered to do so. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, **“To have Tim Boal act as Chair.”** Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

February 9, 2026  
**Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Counts, **“To accept the agenda as amended.”** Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

January 12, 2026  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
**Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, **“To accept the minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup> as presented.”**  
Motion carried.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Dan Bonello, 3531 Warner Rd.: Spoke in support of Jodi Fulton as Township Trustee  
  
Angela Barbash, 4211 Crandall Rd.: Spoke on concentration risk, Data Centers, Space X

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Tooley Rd. Park Plan and Polling Place Discussion  
The Board engaged in discussion regarding the options available to the Township should it decide to move forward with the Park Plan and Polling Place project. Various potential courses of action were considered. Deputy Supervisor Kilpela reviewed the associated financial options, outlining funding sources, projected costs, and the potential budgetary impact to the Township. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Daus, **“To accept the proposal from Carlisle Wortman for Howell Township Municipal Complex Master Plan Work Plan.”** Motion carried. 2 dissents.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Financial Audit – Gabridge & Company  
Joe Verlin of Gabridge & Company presented an overview of the Township's Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2025, and stated that Howell Township is in a healthy financial condition. Discussion followed.
- B. Offer to purchase 4706-22-100-014, Vacant 22- Acres on the corner of Tooley and Bowen  
The Board discussed the clerical errors identified in the agreement and agreed that they needed to be corrected. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Daus, **“To approve the land purchase agreement dated January 12, 2026, between Elmhurst Street LLC and Howell Township for the purchase price of \$228,000.00, and full payment of the special assessments as noted in the contract, and a \$21,000.00 deposit.”** Discussion followed. Motion carried. 2 dissents.
- C. Appointment to Trustee Open Seat  
Trustee Boal invited the applicants who applied for the Board of Trustees seat to stand and introduce themselves. Curt Hamilton introduced himself and answered questions from the Board. Lance Powell introduced himself and answered questions from the Board. John Marhofer introduced himself and answered questions from the Board. Laura Wilkerson introduced herself and answered questions from the Board. Jodi Fulton introduced herself and answered questions from the Board. **Motion** by Boal, **Second** by Hohenstein, **“To appoint Jodi Fulton.”** Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Hohenstein – yes, Wilson – no, Daus – yes, Counts – yes, Boal – yes. Motion carried (4-1).
- D. Resignation of Supervisor Mike Coddington  
**Motion** by Wilson, **Second** by Hohenstein, **“To accept that.”** Board members expressed their appreciation to Mike for his years of service. Motion carried.
- E. Resolution- Recognition of Mike Coddington  
**Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Boal, **“To accept resolution 02-26-261 in recognition of Mike Coddington as presented.”** Motion carried. The Board expressed its sincere appreciation to Mike for his years of service. Roll call vote: Hohenstein – yes, Boal – yes, Daus – yes, Wilson – no, Counts – yes. Motion carried (4-1).
- F. Clean-up Bid information for 5057 Warner Rd.  
Mr. Harter addressed the Board and requested additional time to clean up his property prior to the property being put out to bid for clean-up. **Motion** by Wilson, **Second** by Boal, **“To put the bid on hold.”** Motion carried. 1 dissent.
- G. Financial Update – Deputy Supervisor Kilpela

Deputy Supervisor Kilpela reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure report, legal fees, cash flow, and the General Fund payback. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **“To approve budget amendment #1, increase planning contracted planner expense from \$20,000.00 to \$70,000.00 and decrease Township at large capital outlay expense from \$160,000.00 to \$110,000.00 to account for contracted ordinance update.”** Motion carried.

**Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Daus, **“Budget amendment #2, increase Rec fund contracted services expense from \$14,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to account for the Howell Township Park Master Plan.”** Motion carried.

**Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **“To approve transfer from Sewer Fund to General Fund in the amount of \$1,377,255.00.”** Motion carried. The Board expressed its appreciation and commended Brent for his hard work and commitment.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Toni Miechiels, 2849 Amberwood Tr.: Spoke on the Tooley Rd. Park Plan and Polling Place, Vacant 22-Acres on the corner of Tooley and Bowen

Lance Powell, 5366 Fleming Rd.: Spoke on Fleming Rd. issues between Marr Rd. and Allen Rd.

**REPORTS:**

A. SUPERVISOR:

Treasurer Hohenstein reported that, following Supervisor Coddington's resignation, Deputy Supervisor Kilpela has continued to perform the duties and should continue to be compensated for performing those duties until a new Supervisor is appointed. **Motion** by Hohenstein, **Second** by Daus, **“To continue to pay Brent as Deputy Supervisor until the new Supervisor is appointed.”** Motion carried.

B. TREASURER:

Treasurer Hohenstein requested Board approval for the Deputy Treasurer to attend MMTA training and for the associated costs. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Boal, **“For Deputy Treasurer to attend Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association Training.”**

C. CLERK:

Clerk Daus reported that the Clerk's Department has received Affidavits of Identity filings for the 2026 election and has begun preparations for the upcoming elections.

D. ZONING:

See Zoning Administrator Hohenstein's report

E. ASSESSING:

See Assessor Kilpela's report

F. FIRE AUTHORITY:

See report

G. MHOG:

Trustee Counts reported on MHOG – water usage; the transmission main and cross-country main; Prentice Estates connection to MHOG; and MHOG operating independently

H. PLANNING COMMISSION:

See draft minutes. Trustee Boal reported on Planning Commission - Agape City Church; the Data Center Ordinance review with the Resident Research Committee; Data Center Know How webinar for Planners and Officials. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **“To approve Planning Commission members to attend the Data Center Know How for Planners and Officials.”** Motion carried.

I. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):

No report

J. WWTP:

Treasurer Hohenstein reported on WWTP – Manhole line cleanout along the Shiawassee River, **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Hohenstein, **“To approve Pipeline Management Company for the amount of \$15,908.00.”** Motion carried. Treasurer Hohenstein reported that access is needed to the manhole cleanout off Parsons Rd. **Motion** by Counts, **Second** by Daus, **“Approval of Justice Fence quote dated 01-15-2026 as presented.”** Motion carried.

K. HAPRA:

See Clerk Daus's report

L. PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

No report

M. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

No report

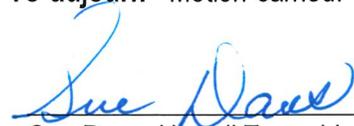
N. SHIAWASSEE RIVER COMMITTEE:

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 Hohenstein, **“To adjourn”** Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

  
Sue Daus, Howell Township Clerk

  
Tanya Davidson, Recording Secretary