

**HOWARD TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 11, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Howard Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Donald Evia at 7:00 p.m. Councilmen present were Richard Stewart, Andrew Dgien, Lowell Smith and Robert Palmer. Also present were Deputy Highway Superintendent Kevin Learn, County Supervisor Aaron Mullen, Planning Board Chairman Gary Rice, Eric Hosmer, Jeff Ross, Lynn Karr, Darryl Burdin, Andrew Burdin, Earl MacNaughton, Brian McEnerney, Kevin McEnerney, Robin Phenes and Bill Holevinski.

The pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Donald Evia.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by the Board. Councilman Richard Stewart would like the correction made to change decals on trucks to truck identification. A motion was made by Councilman Robert Palmer and seconded by Councilman Richard Stewart to approve the minutes of the last board meeting as corrected. Carried: Councilman Palmer, aye; Councilman Stewart, aye; Councilman Dgien, aye; Councilman Smith, aye; Supervisor Evia, aye.

Supervisor Donald Evia advised that the highway pickup truck was not hauling wood pellets, but was a cardboard box of parts. Kevin McEnerney asked if the town highway trucks were ever used for personal purposes and was told not to Supervisor Evia's knowledge.

Bill Holevinski feels that Richard is doing a good job and should be on the Town Board. Kevin and Brian McEnerney agreed. There are more people coming to board meetings now. Earl MacNaughton agreed Richard is doing a good job. Eric Hosmer was pleased that Councilman Stewart had saved money on legal services by changing the Town Attorney. Councilman Richard Stewart said the windmills were bringing in revenue toward taxes.

County Supervisor Aaron Mullen said the County is having their delinquent tax property sale at the Campbell-Savona High School @ 10:00. There is a new additional insurance needed for interior fire fighters for the Fire Department. He will bring information on a proposed new law for volunteer fire services allowing another person to come from another fire department and provide service first if they were in the area. There may be 2 additional positions added to the County Sheriff's Department for drug investigations. The proposed drug intervention positions would be working on 390 and 86. The County is working on trying to bolster the treatment program for the inmates at the jail to keep them sober and drug free. This would be more extended than what it is now and require one new staff member.

Councilman Richard Stewart asked Supervisor Mullen asked about the state forest land being taken out of property taxes and move this to a PILOT program. Supervisor Mullen said the State was proposing this with a cap on the inflation of 2%.

Planning Board Chairman Gary Rice reported that the Planning Board has a subdivision to review at their next meeting and will be reviewing the land use law.

Supervisor Evia reported the Town Clerk's monthly report for March has been submitted in the amount of \$301 (Town's share \$218.14). The 2018 County taxes were turned in the County on April 10, 2018. The 2018 tax penalties in the amount of \$3990.35 were received and deposited. He also reported that a check for \$263.75 for the sale of scrap metal has been received and deposited.

Building Inspector Robert Riekofski reported that three building permits were issued, 2 logging permits were approved and there is a current subdivision application for the Planning Board to review.

The Town Board reviewed the Town Justice's monthly report for March. A check was received for this month in the amount of \$2335 (Town's share for February \$760).

Supervisor Donald Evia advised that Highway Superintendent Anthony Clark has submitted his written resignation as of April 7, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilman Lowell Smith and seconded by Councilman Andrew Dgien to go into executive session at 7:23 p.m. under Section 105.1(d) discussion regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. Carried: Councilman Smith, aye; Councilman Dgien, aye; Councilman Stewart, aye; Councilman Palmer, aye; Supervisor Evia, aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Palmer and seconded by Councilman Lowell Smith to come out of executive session at 8:12 p.m. Carried: Councilman Palmer, aye; Councilman Smith, aye; Councilman Stewart, aye; Councilman Dgien, aye; Supervisor Evia, aye.

The following bills were presented for audit:

Highway (Abstract #27-#36)	\$ 18,011.22
Town (Abstract #54-#75)	9,595.52
Street Lighting (Abstract #76)	269.34

A motion was made by Councilman Lowell Smith and seconded by Councilman Andrew Dgien to pay these bills. Carried: Councilman Smith, aye; Councilman Dgien, aye; Councilman Stewart, aye; Councilman Palmer, aye; Supervisor Evia, aye.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Kevin Learn submitted the 284 Agreement for the Town's review and signature. This will be filed with the County and Town Clerk. A motion was made by Councilman Richard Stewart and seconded by Councilman Lowell Smith to approve and sign this 284 Agreement for 2018. CHIPS requirements were discussed.

Darryl Burdin asked if Supervisor Donald Evia had looked at the ditch on Burdin Road. It was reiterated that the landowner is to purchase the first galvanized steel culvert pipe. The Town installs and maintains. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilman Lowell Smith and seconded by Councilman Andrew Dgien to adjourn the meeting. Carried: Councilman Smith, aye; Councilman Dgien, aye; Councilman Palmer, aye; Councilman Stewart, aye; Supervisor Evia, aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Loreen A. Karr  
Howard Town Clerk

