

Town of Howard  
Town Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Howard Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Donald Evia at 19:00. Roll was called and Councilmen present were Richard Stewart, Lowell Smith, Eric Hosmer, and Gary Rice. Also attending: Lee Pyer, Highway Superintendent, Tom Flansburg, Ed Frey, Ron Dyer, Brenda Ross, Barry Kidder.

The Pledge to the American Flag was led by Town Supervisor Donald Evia.

**Previous minutes:** Reviewed. Motion to accept June 2021 minutes by Councilman Stewart, second by Councilman Smith. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Hosmer – abstain, Councilman Rice aye, Supervisor Evia aye.*

**Public Comment:** none

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Supervisor Evia has received a letter from the Teamsters Local Union #118 regarding the expiration of the current contract on December 31, 2021. There was some discussion among the Board members regarding potential issues and expectations. Supervisor Evia will provide copies of the current contract to all Board members and a future meeting will be scheduled to confer and prepare.

The current copier is out of toner and replacement is cost-prohibitive due to its advanced age. Clerk Burdin will investigate options and present at next meeting.

**Highway Report:** monthly report under separate cover. Mr. Pyer presented an overview of current Highway Dept. projects. There was conversation regarding the TOH backhoe which needs new tires and a new bucket. This piece of equipment is also under buy-back program. Options were discussed. Mr. Pyer will obtain quotes for replacement tires / bucket and Board will review next meeting. Dates for oil/stone projects are pending – weather dependent. The TOH will need winter sand, and a variety of options were considered. To be deliberated further at next meeting.

**Planning Board Report:** none

**Assessor's Report:** none

**Fire Department Report:** none (there was no June meeting held)

**Supervisor's Report:** under separate cover. No discussion.

**Building Inspector's Report:** none

**Justice Report:** under separate cover. No discussion.

**Town Clerk's Report:** Clerk Burdin presented the monthly report – under separate cover. Working on offering a Rabies Clinic in October.

**Animal Control Report:** under separate cover. No discussion.

**Bills** were presented for audit. Councilman Smith made a motion that the bills for the evening be paid **with the exception of a \$200.00 payment to Spectrum** which will be held until clarification obtained. Councilman Rice seconded the motion. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Hosmer, aye, Councilman Rice aye, Supervisor Evia aye.*

General	Abstracts #112 – 125	(\$ 7,180.57)
Highway	Abstracts #97 – 111	(\$ 20,5432.61)
Lighting	Abstract #126	(\$ 275.98)

**Public Comment:** none

**Board discussion:** nothing further

**Adjournment**

At 20:42, a motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Hosmer to adjourn the meeting. *Carried: Councilman Stewart aye, Councilman Smith aye, Councilman Hosmer, aye, Councilman Rice aye, Supervisor Evia aye.*

Adjourned at 20:42.

Rhonda Burdin

Town Clerk

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