

MINUTES OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Howland Township Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on July 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Howland Township Government Building, 205 Niles Cortland Rd. NE, Warren, OH 44484.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Eagle Scout Brady Morrone – Troop # 4122 Howland Community Church

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch – Present
Dr. James LaPolla – Present
Frank Dillon – Present

A motion was made by James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to suspend the readings of the June 10, 2026, regular meeting, and the June 30, 2026, special meeting, and accept them as written.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea
Frank Dillon -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to authorize Fiscal Officer Thomas Krispinsky to pay all outstanding invoices incurred and approve all warrants issued.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea
Dr. James LaPolla -yea
Frank Dillon -yea

Eagle Scout Brady Morrone – Troop # 4122 Howland Community Church –

Brady explained his Eagle Scout Project: to build and install four little libraries, one in each park, which has been coordinated with the Parks District. The locations of these little libraries are the following:

Orwig Park- Willow end by Picnic Table

Main Park at East End by the Pergola

Morgandale Park is immediately adjacent to the Parking Area

Bolindale Park is immediately adjacent to the lower parking area by the pickleball courts.

Trustee Frank Dillon Administors the oath to new hire Firefighter Alexander Rich

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2026-087:

WHEREAS, the Howland Township Board of Trustees held a public hearing on July 8, 2026, at 5:45 pm, for the 2027 Howland Township Alternative Tax Budget and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Howland Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio, to adopt the 2027 Alternative Tax Budget for Howland Township as presented and submit it to the Trumbull County Budget Commission on or before July 20, 2026.

Roll Call: Matthew Vansuch -yea

Dr. James LaPolla -yea
Frank Dillon -yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution **2026-088:**

Authorize Fiscal Officer Thomas Krispinsky to establish the following fund, establish revenue/appropriation/accounts/budgets, and request an Amended Certificate from the Trumbull County Auditor to increase the budget due to the awarded Asset Forfeiture: U.S. Department of Justice.

Fund 2906		
Asset Forfeiture – Department of Justice		\$ 8,801.52
 Revenue Budget		
2906-519	Other Federal Receipts	\$ 8,801.52
 Appropriation Budget		
2906-210-590	Other Expenses	\$ 8,801.52

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Frank Dillon	-yea

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution **2026-089:**

Approve to adopt the following:

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOWLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTING THE TRUMBULL COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

WHEREAS the Howland Township Board of Trustees recognizes the threat that natural and other hazards pose to people and property within Trumbull County; and

WHEREAS Trumbull County has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as TRUMBULL COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF June, 2026, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS TRUMBULL COUNTY MILTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Trumbull County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Howland Township Board of Trustees demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Trumbull County Hazard Mitigation Plan of June, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Howland Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio, that:

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code-Section 121.22 regarding public meetings, the Howland Township Board of Trustees adopts the TRUMBULL COUNTY 2026 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Frank Dillon	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2026-090:

Authorize the Township Administrator to prepare and transmit a letter to State Representative Nick Santucci, State Senator Sandra O'Brien, Congressman Dave Joyce, and Trumbull County Commissioners outlining the immediate concerns and public safety issues associated with fiber optic infrastructure installation activities in Howland Township. The correspondence shall summarize the measures implemented by Lumos to improve excavation safety and reduce utility strikes, and request consideration of legislative and regulatory changes requiring these safety practices to be adopted by all companies performing fiber-optic infrastructure installations throughout the State of Ohio.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Frank Dillon	-yea

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2026-091:

1. Per the recommendation of Police Chief Nick Roberts, the Board of Trustees of Howland Township "DO NOT" request a hearing for the transfer of the D1, D2, D3A, and D3 Liquor Permit from I K LLC. 1877 Niles Cortland Rd., Howland Township, Warren, OH 44484 to Yannicot LLC-Jack's Bar & Grill – same address.
2. D1 ORC 4303.13 Beer only for on-premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carry out only until 1:00 am.
3. D2 ORC 4303.14 Wine and mixed beverages for on-premises consumption or in original sealed containers for carryout only until 1:00 am.
4. D3 ORC 4303.15 Spirituous liquor for on-premises consumption only until 1:00 am.
5. D3A ORC 4303.16 Extends issued permit privileges until 2:30 am. Must at least have D-3 to get the 3A.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Frank Dillon	-yea

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to vote on Resolution 2026-092:

Per the recommendation of Administrator James Pantalone and Public Works Director David McCann, enter into a demolition agreement with Gibbs Construction Incorporated for the demolition of structures at 1310 Niles Cortland Road NE. Gibbs Construction Incorporated was determined to have submitted the most favorable and responsive quote at \$13,350. A total of 10 quotes were received, ranging from \$13,350 to \$37,800. The Board authorizes staff to refine the scope of work with Gibbs Construction Incorporated as needed and enter into a demolition agreement. The property was recently acquired by the Township for the expansion of the Howland Township Cemetery.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Frank Dillon	-yea

A motion was made by Dr. James LaPolla and seconded by Matthew Vansuch to vote on Resolution 2026-093:

Per the recommendations of Administrator James Pantalone and Fire Chief Ray Pace, approve the sale of the following items on GovDeals and/or disposal. The items are unneeded, obsolete, or unfit personal property.

Turnout Gear:		
MANUFACTURE	Date	Coat/Pant
Morning Pride	2014	Pants
Honeywell	2014	Pants
Honeywell	2014	Pants
Honeywell	2016	Pants
Honeywell	2014	Pants
Inno Tex	2009	Coat
Honeywell	2014	Coat
Honeywell	2014	Coat
Honeywell	2014	Coat
Globe	2016	Coat

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Frank Dillon	-yea

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Chief Ray Pace: Spring cleaning is complete at all stations. The department has been doing training along with other area departments at the house we purchased by the cemetery, in case you see Fire trucks and police cars over there. We are still doing our hydrant testing throughout the township.

Police Sgt. Jordan Wert: Everything went well for the July 4th parade and the 5K run. We want to thank the sheriff's department for using their drone during the parade. We would like to thank the Road Department for using their trucks to block the intersection for the parade.

Administrator James Pantalone: The 4th of July parade was a success. I want to thank all of our departments for helping out with the activities on the 3rd and 4th, especially Aubrie Manley, Special Event Coordinator, and Department Heads. Thank you to TLC Insurance for supplying marshals for the parade, to Carter Lewis for the use of his parking lot for the parade vehicles, and to Klaben Ford for donating three trucks for the parade.

Public Works Director David McCann: The parade went very well. I want to thank Kirila Contractors for getting Market Street prepared for the parade. The Road Department had everything cleaned up quickly after the parade, but we were back out there on Sunday afternoon after the rain, working on drains and blocking flooded roads.

At this time, Trumbull County Engineer David DeChristofaro and his Chief Deputy, Gary Taneri, addressed the Board of Trustees and crowd, explaining drainage districts in the county and Howland Township. David said he would like to call a meeting with the Trumbull County Commissioners and Townships to discuss matters.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Chuck Mackey: a Howland resident who lives on King Graves Rd. I want the Trustees to know that the rain on Sunday afternoon completely flooded his front yard. Public Works Director David McCann answered his questions about different-sized drains going through this area, and Trustee Matt Vansuch told engineer DeChristofaro to look into this matter. Mr. Mackey also stated that the Food Pantry in Bolindale is seeing 75% of the people going there are selecting their own food instead of taking the premade packages. Also, the age group is mostly between 35 and 59 years old.

Tony Merola: The township can make a lot of money giving out traffic tickets to people making left-hand turns at the traffic light at Rt 46 and Market St. The question is, who is responsible for a creek on private property? Trustee Matt Vansuch told him that the property owner is responsible.

Kevin Hogue: Stated that door-to-door salespeople are increasing. He was wondering what he could do about it. Trustee Matt Vansuch told him to call the police department so they can have a record of it. Administrator James Pantalone told him that we will address the area where he lives.

Bruce Gump: Wanted to know the status of the traffic light for Rt 46 and Howland Springs. County Engineer David DeChristofaro told him that they are now placing the foundations for the light poles. As the County Engineer, I would have preferred a light at Kenyon rather than at Howland Springs.

A motion was made by Matthew Vansuch and seconded by Dr. James LaPolla to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 P.M.

Roll Call:	Matthew Vansuch	-yea
	Dr. James LaPolla	-yea
	Frank Dillon	-yea

Approved by: Thomas Krispinsky Dated: 7/14/26
Thomas Krispinsky, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Frank Dillon Dated: 7-22-2026
Frank Dillon, Chair