HOWELL AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

April 15, 2026 – 5:30 pm
Oceola Township Hall – 1577 N. Latson Rd, Howell, MI 48843

Board Members/Officials Present: Chairman Bill Fenton, Vice Chairman Sean Dunleavy, Secretary Mark Fosdick, Treasurer Nick Hertrich, Member Robert Spaulding, Fire Chief Ron Hicks, Admin. Asst. Barbara Souchick, Attorney Kevin Gentry

Chairman Fenton called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

MOTION by Mr. Dunleavy, SUPPORT by Mr. Hertrich to amend the current Agenda to include *Appoint member to Building Committee.* MOTION AND SUPPORT to include appointment of Mr. Fenton to serve on the Building Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 15, 2026: MOTION by Mr. Dunleavy, SUPPORT by Mr. Hertrich to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 15, 2026. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Call to Public: No Response

Discussion/Approval HAFA Resolution #02-26: MOTION by Mr. Dunleavy, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to approve HAFA Resolution #02-26 that adjusts the 2025/2026 fire department budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Fire Chief Update to Board: *Chief Hicks relayed that old Engine 21 and Engine 22 are now for sale as the new Engine 20 is in service. * The 26/27 HAFD budget is being prepared and he will need to meet with the Budget Committee prior to the next HAFA meeting. * All the Board members and their families are invited to attend the department's annual award ceremony taking place at the main station on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 7 pm.

Committee Appointments: MOTION by Mr. Fosdick, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to appoint Chairman Fenton to serve on the Personnel Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Mr. Dunleavy, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to appoint Mr. Hertrich to serve on the Budget Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion/Approval Bills and Payroll: MOTION by Mr. Hertrich, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to approve the payment of bills and payroll in the amount of $363,056.75 for period ending April 3, 2026. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business: The Lindhout Firm Representative, Jason was on hand to answer any questions regarding the Station 22 renovation and to add that they expect ground breaking to occur in mid to late May.

Closed Session: MOTION by Mr. Fosdick, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to enter into Closed Session at 5:48 pm and to appoint Mr. Hertrich to take minutes. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE. Mr. Dunleavy – Yes, Mr. Fenton- Yes, Mr. Fosdick -Yes, Mr. Hertrich – Yes, Mr. Spaulding – Yes.

MOTION by Mr. Spaulding, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to adjourn Closed Session at _6:47 pm MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Adjourn: MOTION by Mr. Spaulding, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara J Souchick
Barbara Souchick, Admin Asst

Approved By: Mark Fosdick
Mark Fosdick, Secretary