

HOWELL AREA FIRE AUTHORITY

February 18, 2026 – 5:30 pm

Oceola Township Hall – 1577 N. Latson Rd, Howell, MI 48843

Board Members Present: Vice Chairman Sean Dunleavy, Member Bill Fenton, Secretary Mark Fosdick, Treasurer Nick Hertrich, Howell Township Representative Jonathan Hohenstein, Fire Chief Ron Hicks, Admin. Asst. Barbara Souchick, Attorney Kevin Gentry

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

Appoint New Chairman: MOTION by Mr. Hertrick, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to nominate Mr. Fenton to the position of Chairman. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. Dunleavy – Yes, Fosdick – Yes, Hertrick – Yes, Hohenstein – Yes.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2026: MOTION by Mr. Hertrick, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2026. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Call to Public: No Response

Fire Chief Update to Board: The County Emergency Radio System utilized by Police, Fire and EMS is in desperate need of updating and allegedly, no assistance is forthcoming from the County Commissioners. Attorney Gentry is recommending an informational meeting with the County Fire Chiefs and Township Supervisors to assess the problems and potential solutions.

Discussion/Approval Bills and Payroll: MOTION by Mr. Fosdick, SUPPORT by Mr. Hertrick to approve the payment of bills and payroll in the amount of \$287,794.87 for period ending February 6, 2026. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Closed Session: MOTION by Mr. Fosdick, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to enter Closed Session at 6:04 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Dunleavy – Yes, Mr. Fenton – Yes, Mr. Fosdick – Yes, Mr. Hertrick – Yes, Mr. Hohenstein – Yes.

MOTION by Mr. Hertrick, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to exit Closed Session at 6:28 PM. MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Dunleavy – Yes, Mr. Fenton – Yes, Mr. Fosdick – Yes, Mr. Hertrick – Yes, Mr. Hohenstein – Yes.

Adjourn: MOTION by Mr. Hertrick, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara Souchick
Barbara Souchick, Admin. Assistant

Approved By: Mark Fosdick
Mark Fosdick, Secretary