

**HOWELL AREA FIRE AUTHORITY**

January 17, 2024 – 6:00 pm

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

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**Board Members Present:** Chairman Mike Coddington, Vice Chairman Sean Dunleavy, Treasurer Bob Hanvey, Secretary Mark Fosdick, Member Bob Ellis, Fire Chief Ron Hicks, Attorney Kevin Gentry, Admin. Asst Barbara Souchick

Chairman Coddington called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2023:** MOTION by Mr. Dunleavy, SUPPORT by Mr. Ellis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2023. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Call to Public:** No Response

**Discussion/Approval to Hire 1 Fulltime Firefighter:** MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to approve Chief Hicks to hire 1 fulltime Firefighter. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Discussion/Approval to Change the MERS Defined Benefit Plan for All Fulltime Employees:** MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to change the MERS Defined Benefit Plan to remove the 55 years of age requirement and retain the 25 years of service for all full-time employees. MOTION CARRIED W/ 4 Yes votes and 1 No vote.

**Discussion/Approval to Amend Howell Area Fire Authority Investment Policy:** MOTION by Mr. Fosdick, SUPPORT by Mr. Ellis to approve Amendment # 02-24 that removes *Chase Bank* from the list of approved financial institutions for the Fire Authority. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Discussion/Approval: Howell Area Fire Authority Resolution #01-24:** MOTION by Mr. Fosdick, SUPPORT by Mr. Ellis to approve Howell Area Fire Authority Resolution #01-24 that exempts the Authority from the requirements of Public Act 152 for the next succeeding year. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.  
Mr. Coddington – yes, Mr. Dunleavy – yes, Mr. Ellis- yes, Mr. Fosdick – Yes, Mr. Hanvey – yes.

**Discussion/Approval Payment of Bills and Payroll:** MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Dunleavy to approve the payment of bills and payroll in the amount of \$277,432.23 for period ending 1/11/2024. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjourn:** MOTION by Mr. Ellis, SUPPORT by Mr. Fosdick to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:   
Barbara Souchick, Admin. Assistant

Approved By:   
Mark Fosdick, Secretary