

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2026

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Smith, Heckman, Toner, Wert, and MacTavish. Absent: Hagstrom and Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Wert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish to approve the 2026 Fee Schedule as presented. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$2,220.03 for a total of \$44,608.26. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Mr. Falcon presented Council with a draft budget for the 2025-26 budget amendments and the 2026-27 proposed budget.

Motion by Wert seconded by Toner to approve the Village to pay off the 1994 Sewer Bond held by the USDA in April 2026. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by Toner seconded by Wert to accept the Sparta Chevrolet bid for a new grass rig and allow the Fire Chief to move forward in getting the truck ordered and outfitted for the fire department. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Council approves allowing the Monk's Den to place a placard sign on the corner of Edgerton and Ensley in front of the Forager as long as he abides by the rules set forth of taking the sign down every night after use. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Mr. Falcon updated the Council on the Ensley Park bathroom remodel and stated bids are due on January 29, 2026.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Wert to allow Village Manager, Mike Falcon, to sign the Depot 3.0 Engagement letter so the project can move forward. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Mr. Falcon presented Council with bills from AIS for repairs made to the backhoe and Council approved to pay.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Wert to allow Village Manager, Mike Falcon, to sign the 2026 SRF Engagement letter with Dickinson Wright. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council he will be out of the office for the rest of the week at a conference.

Public Comment: None.

President Heckman addressed DPW Supervisor, Ben Pirkola, regarding a couple of issues with street plowing.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Wert to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President