

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: None.

Adam Eggleston introduced himself to the Council as a candidate for judge at the 64B District Court in Montcalm County.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to go to closed session to discuss the union contract with our labor attorney at 7:25 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to return to regular session at 7:40 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to accept the union contract between the Village of Howard City and AFSCME Council 25 and its Local 3067.05 and giving permission for Mr. Falcon to ratify said contract. Roll Call Vote: Bassett, Aye; MacTavish, Aye; Smith, Aye; VanWagner, Aye; Williams, Aye; Heckman, Aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Bassett to adopt Ordinance 2020-1 Sign Ordinance. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion to approve the 2020-21 Organizational Chart with suggested changes of reappointments to DDA and Planning Commission per President Heckman. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to pay bills as presented totaling \$319,829.77. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that Maria Page at the Montcalm County Housing Commission requested a letter to support the new Section 8 program they are applying for. Council approved the letter and President Heckman will sign it.

Mr. Falcon received a letter from the Village of Clinton stating they are fighting the new lead and copper laws and were requesting money for their endeavor. Council stated they did not want to fund this request.

Public Comment: Ron Baker reported the County has a new EMS Director and Drain Commissioner and are currently looking for a new maintenance director and animal control officer.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President