

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: VanWagner, Smith, MacTavish, Hagstrom, Heckman and Bassett arrived at 7:04. Absent: Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish 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.

After discussion with renter of 1357 S. Ensley, Paul Ruehs, Council will allow 60 days to remove all scrap and scrap metal baskets from the property. Mr. Falcon will have a meeting with the property owners, Salmon Properties, LLC, to form a plan as to how to legally utilize the property with Mr. Ruehs' asphalt business. Discussion is tabled until this meeting takes place. Council agrees to allow Mr. Ruehs to operate his business until this situation is resolved and ask that all trucks and equipment be behind the fence every night and that the property is kept neat and clean.

Council denied the payment of invoice by Darrel Harper and asked Mr. Falcon to write a letter to Mr. Harper informing him of their decision.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$51,072.72 for a bill total of \$95,066.40. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to approve the VanWagner Memorial in front of the DPW building and to allow the family access to the property to update and maintain memorial. Motion CARRIED (5-0)
VanWagner, abstained

Council agreed to allow Mr. Falcon to sign the proposals from Fleis & VandenBrink to perform the Wastewater Treatment Facility Review, Wastewater Treatment Facility Sludge Depth Study, and MPDES Permit Renewal Application 2022.

Motion by VanWagner to stop the Tri-County School sewer hook-up project. No second. Motion FAILED.
Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Bassett to allow Mr. Falcon to negotiate a price for sewer services with Tri County School and bring agreement between parties to next month's Council meeting. Roll Call Vote: VanWagner, Nay; MacTavish, Yea; Bassett, Yea; Smith, Yea; Hagstrom, Yea; Heckman, Yea. Motion CARRIED (5-1)

Public Comment: None.

Deputy Sheriff Barry gave Council an overview of a few incidents that have happened in the Village over the past few weeks.

Motion by Bassett seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President