

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2018

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Smith, MacTavish, Williams, Hacko, Bassett, Hagstrom and Heckman. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Williams seconded by Hacko to approve the agenda with the addition of Public Comment at the end of the meeting. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hacko seconded by Bassett to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Jane Sherburne inquired about trees covering a street sign on Poplar Street and also about fence regulations. Mike VanWagner commented on the 150th activities held the previous weekend.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett for the Village to donate \$500 to the National Night Out Committee. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

There was discussion regarding the restrooms at Ensley Park. The Council agreed that the restrooms would be open from 10 am – 4 pm, Monday-Thursday, for two weeks. If there is any vandalism within that timeframe, Council will re-evaluate the situation and possibly close the restrooms again.

Motion by Smith seconded by Hacko to approve the bills totaling \$132,967.47. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon informed the Council that the Village received a letter from Congressman John Moolenaar congratulating the Village on receiving the grant for the Fire Department equipment.

Mr. Falcon informed the Council that the Village is 81% funded of our unfunded liabilities regarding employee retirement. The Village is in a really good position as the average for most municipalities is below 50%.

Mr. Falcon stated the clean up seemed to go pretty well this year. The dump let him know that they took in over 7 ton of trash this year. Joe Krogman, Shane Smith, and Mr. Falcon filled a semi-truck with over 2,000 tires.

Mr. Falcon informed the Council he spoke with Cypress Creek, a solar investor, and the Council would like to see what they have to offer so Mr. Falcon can get the Zoning Board of Appeals together to go onto the next step to see if the Village can work with this company.

Motion by Hacko seconded by Bassett to allow alcohol at the July 27 & 28 softball tournament. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon stated that the Bark in the Park event is on track and things are coming into place. He would like to see as many volunteers as possible to help this event run smoothly.

Mr. Falcon wanted the Council to know of the articles in the paper over the past few weeks as these articles have been very positive for the Village.

Mr. Heckman stated he was contacted by Sietsema Farms that they wrote for a grant for tube rescue and Howard City's fire department is one of the departments in the nation to receive this grant. There will be training on September 4 to train specifically for this rescue.

Public Comment: Rick Outman provided information he received from a meeting at Tri County School regarding PFAS testing that has been done in the area.

Ron Bassett inquired about DPW workers installing posts for story boards along the trail for the library. Mr. Falcon stated that the Village partnered with the library to help with their grant as far as the physical needs of installing the posts. The Village did not give the library any money and charged the library for the cement used for the installation.

Motion by Williams seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President