

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to add budget amendments and closed session to the agenda. (6-0)

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

Public Comment: Deb-Becker Fountain 23188 Kendaville Rd wanted to thank everyone that helped with the Music in the Park. She also announced that the Wellness Fair event in October will be cancelled to allow the committee to focus on the upcoming Halloween & Christmas events.

Motion by Smith seconded by Wert to allow David Holbrook with Shell Bender to set up in the Buck Pole area on 8/24, 9/7, 9/21. CARRIED (6-0)

President Heckman announced there are multiple seat openings in the follow groups: Planning Commission, DDA and the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Wert to accept event application of Tom Kropewnicki for a Music Festival on Edgerton Street scheduled for 9/26/2026.

Motion Wert seconded by MacTavish to accept the budget amendments CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Hagstrom to approve the bills as presented totaling \$416,942.10 with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$4472.34 for a total of \$421,414.44. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon provided the council with information on the MML Fall Conference. He inquired if anyone from Council would like to attend and represent the Village to let him know as soon as possible.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Wert to select Simplified Business Solutions as the new IT provider for the Village of Howard City. CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to open closed session. CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to reopen the open session. CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: Tom Kropewnicki 210 E. Edgerton attended the "extra's" for the movie Downtown Country and thinks this will be a wonderful thing for the Village of Howard City. Michael Smith 335 Ensley St asked to revisit his request to have the council members research if other businesses leave product outside. He also requested for reduce speed signs be placed on Federal Rd at the North and South ends.

Trustee Wert requested more social media communication on behalf of the Village. Mr. Falcon confirmed that events are listed on the calendar located on the Village website and also on the Facebook page. Trustee Wert also congratulated Trustee Smith on the great Truck Rally.

President Heckman inquired about the need to sell unused Village vehicles. Mr. Falcon asked Fire Chief Heckman to obtain an estimate of a fair market value of the older Dodge that was replaced with the new grass rig.

President Heckman opened discussion as to how to bring back some form of police presence in the Village of Howard City. Talks will continue at a later time.

Motion by Wert seconded by Hagstrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Stephanie VanderPloeg, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President