

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2022

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to approve the agenda with the addition of three manager comments of Republic Bins, Quit Claim Deed, and Credit Union. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Williams to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)
Deputy Berry stated a homeless man had returned to the Village and was removed again and has not returned. Deputy Berry also stated there was some vandalism at the library with new cement and the case should be wrapped up at the prosecutor's office soon.

Public Comment: Rose McKay from McKay's Towing commented on the July Council Meeting in which towing within the Village was discussed and passed out a screenshot of a Facebook post.

Doug Vredeveld presented the 2021-2022 Audit to Council and touched on highlights of the audit such as a bond that was paid off three years early, ARPA funding received, and the purchase of a backhoe without incurring further debt. Overall the audit was positive and the Village is in good fiscal shape.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to accept the 2022-2023 First Budget Amendments as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Hagstrom to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$17,755.14 for a total of \$70,755.14. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we entered into a three-year contract with Waste Management in 2020. He spoke with Waste Management about getting out of the contract as the Village will be getting a free 6 yard dumpster from Republic Services. This was not an option; therefore, the Village will fulfill the contract and place the Republic bin in a different area for one year.

Mr. Falcon stated the Village has had multiple festivals and activities over the past few weeks that have been very successful and have brought thousands of people to the Village. Mr. Falcon thanked the library for organizing the food truck rally and craft show, Off Season Sports for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament, and Finish Line and Front Line Towing for the car show. Mr. Falcon also thanked the Fire Department for hoisting the flag at the music festival.

Mr. Falcon addressed the towing issues that he was asked to look into. The Village does not take any? side for any business. The Fire Department does not make any decisions when it comes to making any calls for towing. Mr. Falcon spoke with Sheriff Williams and a new system will be implemented in which companies will be called on a rotation basis.

Council approved the recommendation for the Republic recycling bins at the DPW Department building in which the Village will have to level out the area and extend the cement pad and have electricity run to the site.

Mr. Falcon looked in the Depot building as requested from Council. Mr. Falcon spoke with a few members of the Historical Society and they are willing to deed the Depot building back to the Village. Motion by MacTavish seconded by VanWagner to accept the quit claim deed from the Historical Society deeding the Depot building back to the Village of Howard City. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to accept the Planning Commission's decision to approve the Community First Federal Credit Union site plans for 620 W. Shaw Street. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Mr. Baker stated the Council is doing a great job.

Trustee Williams stated she was happy to see a good audit

President Heckman thanked Trustee Williams for handling the Music in the Park this year. President Heckman also thanked Mr. Falcon for getting to Howard City early to take care of all the events in the Village. President Heckman stated the fire department had a tour at Wolverine World Wide and were able to see their system and get an idea of the layout of their building. He thanked Wolverine for their hospitality and generosity toward the Fire Department.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President