

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to accept the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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

Sheriff Deputy inquired who was responsible for the dirt hill by the library as there have been motorized vehicles on the hill. Council suggested putting up a sign for non-motorized vehicles allowed.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to pay bills as presented totaling \$51,058.31. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we are going into Phase 2 of the construction project. The lagoon work is scheduled to move forward sometime this summer. We will not be getting SCADA as we do not have the funds.

Mr. Falcon stated we have a survey ready to go to our residents per EGLE requirements and are offering \$10 off water bills if we receive a response.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that he has been in contact with the food truck that has been parked in the Rustic parking lot and spoke with the owner regarding the peddler's license that is normally needed in order to be within the Village limits. They are providing a needed service to our residents during this crisis, so we have waived the license and fee for now.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we have retained a new auditor and we are already in contact with them to get our 2019-20 audit started.

Mr. Falcon told Council that the Village was not sending out Music in the Park donation letters this year.

Mr. Falcon updated the Council that we are full staff in the DPW department again and the guys have been working hard to get caught up with everything. Montcalm County is still planning on doing our roads that we are contracted to do this year. As of now, the spring clean up is still scheduled for May 30 and we will have a truck and trailer for tires again as well. Council recommended that we continue to follow the Executive Order regarding the flags at half-staff, even through Memorial Day. Mr. Falcon would like to try to get the Farmer's Market open by June 1. The DDA is still looking for someone to take over as coordinator. The VFW has given the Village \$40,000 to be used for the Veteran's Band Shell. Mr. Falcon informed Council he has applied for the Montcalm County Controller position.

Public Comment: Jason Lund, 20228 W. Almy Road, Howard City, stated he would like to take over the farmer's market as he would like to see it grow. He does not want any money to run the market – just wants to make it a success. Mr. Falcon stated Mr. Lund would need to see if there are any certifications

needed in order to run a Farmer's Market. Motion by Smith seconded by VanWagner to allow Jason Lund to take over the Farmer's Market once all regulations are met. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Michael VanWagner asked to look into IPADs for Council members who do not have one and also asked about recording Council meetings and posting on the website.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President