

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to approve the agenda with the addition of B-5) Protec Membership Renewal. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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

Public Comment: Representative for Arlene Bills at 420 Williams addressed Council regarding a dangerous tree. Tabettha Ceglio read a statement to Council from the new Harvest Festival Committee.

Motion by Williams seconded by Toner to approve the quarter page add for \$812.25 in Michigan Trails Magazine splitting the cost in half with the DDA. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mike Smith, Jr., approached Council regarding speeding and reckless driving on Ensley Street. Council requested Mr. Falcon speak to the Montcalm County Road Commission to see what signage can be used along the road to help with traffic issues.

Mr. Falcon informed Council of parking concerns along Emory Street during sports seasons and asked Council for input on suggestions to help fix the situation. Issue tabled for further discussion.

Motion by Toner seconded by Wert to approve up to \$1,000 for the purchase of a live fir tree to be planted in the Buck Pole area to be used for the Annual Tree Lighting. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the Protec Membership renewal of \$298. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$451. 54 for a total of \$271,828.97. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by Toner to approve the Depot Renovation proposal presented by Fleis and VandenBrink. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council approved closing the Village Office and giving employees Friday, December 26 and Friday, January 2, off for the holidays.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that Michael VanWagner's name has been added to the memorial in front of the Village Office.

Public Comment: None.

Trustee Smith asked about getting fill at the end of the ally off Emory Street.

Trustee Wert would like to open discussions to provide a skate park in the Village.

President Heckman would like to budget for a new piece of equipment at Ensley Park for next year. President Heckman also thanked DPW Supervisor Ben Pirkola for making sure things in the Village are getting taken care of and stated Mr. Pirkloa is doing a great job.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)