

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to open regular session meeting. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to re-zone parcel #59-047-426-004-00 to residential per breach of agreement between property owners and the Village. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Bassett seconded by MacTavish to approve one additional 15-minute parking space on Edgerton Street. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to pay bills as presented totaling \$35,222.81. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon presented the proposed 2020-21 budget. He requested that if Council has any questions or concerns, to contact him.

Mr. Falcon informed Council about an outstanding invoice for AGO for sidewalk repair. He is to check and see if the charge is able to be put to taxes per the ordinance. If not, then the Village will pursue legal action.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we replaced the water heaters at the DPW building and administrative building.

Mr. Falcon informed Council of residents who were pumping fresh water into our sewer system illegally. Council gave permission to go forward with sending letters with invoices.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the County deeded two parcels to the Village.

Council gave their permission for Mr. Falcon to send a letter of recommendation to the Village of Sand Lake for their dog park grant.

Mr. Falcon encouraged Council to get the word out about how important it is for everyone in the Village to participate in the census as it does directly affect the Village's funding.

Council gave permission for Mr. Falcon to sign the Consumers Energy light contract for changing the light at Ensley and Shaw Street.

Council gave permission for Brandy Antor to hold a Mom Prom.

Mr. Falcon informed Council he would be attending a MME conference at the end of the month.

Public Comment: Ron Baker reported that the County's EMS director has moved on and the County will be doing interviews this Friday and will have someone in place soon.

Trustee Smith reported a light out in the parking lot behind the library.

Trustee Williams stated the library is having a census station available for residents to use if they need help filling out the form or do not have internet at home.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President