

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 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 Williams to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)
Deputy Berry informed Council that he has met with several residents within the Village to see about starting a Neighborhood Watch program.

Public Comment: None.

Republic Services was present to discuss the upcoming trash collection change and to discuss the possible recycling compactor program in which the Village has been chosen to receive a matching grant from Montcalm County to help fund the program. Council gave support to Mr. Falcon to send a letter of intent to Montcalm County accepting the funds and to move forward with the recycling program. Motion by Williams seconded by VanWagner to approve the Republic Services contract. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Frontline Towing and Finish Line Auto were present to discuss an issue with dispatch only calling one wrecker service to auto accidents and not spreading the business to all businesses within our area. Mr. Falcon will set up a meeting with Sheriff Williams and discuss the procedures dispatch uses in calling for service in our area; and Mr. Falcon will set up a meeting with a representative from Greenville to see how they handle this issue as well.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Hagstrom to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$10,271.98 for a total of \$64,038.22. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve Mr. Falcon to begin the process for obtaining a DNR Grant with a public hearing to be set up for the September 19, 2022, Council meeting. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Williams to approve the 2022-4 Consumers Power Resolution. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon presented Council with a code enforcement update.

Council approved the reimbursement to Stacy Sage for the window that was broken by a Village employee while mowing. A check will be issued to Ms. Sage for \$56.28 for the repair.

Council approved to allow Scott Vukin to put up a temporary sign for an event to be held at Ensley Park.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the Master Plan will be complete after the Planning Commission takes care of a couple of formalities.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the DMSI work will begin on Wednesday in which one of our DPW workers will be with the hydrovac company in order to see every pipe that is exposed.

Mr. Falcon stated someone will need to announce at Music in the Park on July 19. Either President Heckman or Trustee Williams will be available to announce.

Public Comment: Mr. Baker stated the Board of Commissioners are working on the County budget and also suggested that the Village contact surrounding townships to see if they would be willing to help fund the recycling compactor program that was discussed.

Trustee Hagstrom inquired about an update on The Depot. Mr. Falcon stated he has not had time yet to contact anyone from the Historical Society about this as yet.

Trustee Smith would like to discuss finding a permanent spot to put food trucks next summer as the library parking lot is too small to host as many as would like to be here.

Trustee VanWagner stated a resident asked him if the Village is getting any revenue from the solar farm. Mr. Falcon stated the Village is getting personal property taxes from them. Trustee VanWagner also inquired about the street light by the Forager. Mr. Falcon informed him that it has been ordered and been on back order since January. Trustee VanWagner also asked to have some saplings trimmed around trees along Ensley and others throughout the Village. Mr. VanWagner inquired about brush. Mr. Falcon stated the Village needs to have a policy regarding the pickup, quantity, and timing of brush pick up.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President