

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Code Enforcer Danny Wright presented the code enforcement report from June.

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

Public Comment: Dave Saucier asked when White and Legion would be paved. Glenna Hess asked for more police coverage at Maple Hill and Sycamore due to speeding traffic.

Doug Vredevelde from Vredevelde and Haefner presented the audit for year ending February 28, 2025.

Council agreed to allow the Howard City Area Chamber of Commerce to host a movie night at Ensley Park on August 22, 2025.

Motion by Wert seconded by Toner to approve the Recycling Site Host Agreement with Montcalm County. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish to approve the Village paying for fencing materials to be installed at the basketball/pickleball courts. Motion CARRIED (6-0, 1 Abstain)

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to approve Mr. Falcon to work with the Village attorney to change the Village's current ordinance to change the President's term of office from two (2) years to four (4) years. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Williams to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$9,636.83 for a total of \$297,140.02. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish to approve the two (2) trees to be removed by Aggressive Tree Service that are located at 323 Pine Street and 733 Orton for a total of \$4,500.00. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon updated Council on the boil water advisory that is in effect due to the loss in pressure in our system. He thanked Ice Mountain who donated ten (10) pallets of water to pass out to residents. Larry's Tire who donated a truck and driver to get the water, Mattson's Hardware for donating their fork lift to move the water into the garage, and the Village of Howard City Fire Department for handing out water.

Mr. Falcon updated Council regarding DPW employees. We hired two new guys who will be starting August 4.

Public Comment: Tom Phinney on Muenschner thanked the Village for the response to Sunday's water issue. He appreciates the team we have and the Village did a great job.

Trustee Williams stated Music in the Park has been going great with the new band shell and people are happy it is up and running.

President Heckman thanked his fire personnel for coming to help hand out water.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)