

****PROPOSED****

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2025

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Smith, Hagstrom, Heckman, Williams, Toner, and Wert. Absent: MacTavish.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Wert to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: Dave Saucier inquired about the schedule for paving Legion and if the band shell was done.

Redemption Farms was present to inquire about having an event at Ensley Park. Unfortunately, the park has already been rented for the day in question so the request was withdrawn.

Motion by Wert seconded by Toner to approve the reduction to 5% of PILOT payment for rents from the Montcalm County Housing Commission for one year with negotiations to occur between the Village and the Montcalm County Housing Commission during the next budget cycle to get back to the originally agreed upon 10% payment. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by Hagstrom to approve the Harvest Festival date of September 13, 2025, with the following events: car and tractor show, food trucks, craft vendors at the park, a parade will be at 1 pm, Band Boosters will have a breakfast fundraiser at the park with possibility of doing a lunch or dinner in the afternoon, and a beer tent to be held on Friday and Saturday at the Buck Pole area with the request to have electrical access at the buck pole for bands. Rustic Sports will provide the beer and ice at their cost and will take any unopened alcohol back to their place to store and keep cold each night. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Toner to ban Dillon Snyder from the park for one (1) year, pay for all damages, come before the Council and apologize, and serve community service hours for the damage done to the park camera. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Smith to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$13,988.68 for a total of \$153,899.58. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Trustee Smith asked for permission for the Library to put a banner on the Buck Pole for the Food Truck Rally in July and Council agreed.

Trustee Williams reminded everyone that Music in the Park will be each Tuesday beginning July 1 – August 5, 2025.

President Heckman informed Council that we have hired Stephanie VanderPloeg as our new Utility Billing Clerk. We also have hired a new Code Enforcer and DPW workers. President Heckman also informed Council that the DPW Supervisor put in his notice that he will be leaving.

Motion by Williams seconded by Wert to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President