

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: Mark Flierman of 117 Orton requested more police presents after personal property was tampered with. Dave Saucier Reynolds Township is now in the new building.

President Heckman gave update on Grass Rig Fire Truck.

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish - Smith abstained to approve Food Truck Rally. Food truck vendor fees to be waived for event. Location of various events was provided in the application. A list of streets must be provided to DPW prior to event to coordinate street closures. Vendor numbers must be placed on the grass and not on the walking trail. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1)

Motion by Wert seconded by Smith to approve 80/20 Employee Health Care Resolution. Council approved Mr. Falcon to sign necessary documents. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Rollcall: Wert – Yes; MacTavish – Yes; Williams – Yes; Hagstrom – Yes; Smith – Yes; Toner – Yes; Heckman – Yes

BS&A Enterprise Admin Authorization needed for Clerk/Treasurer required all council members signatures. Council approved and signed necessary form(s).

Motion by Toner seconded by MacTavish to approve Trustee Smith to relinquish ownership and administration rights to the Village of Howard City Facebook page. Going forward all Social media accounts on behalf of the Village, as well as the Villages Facebook page will be owned and operated by the Village and its administrative staff. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to approve Tri County Soccer Plant Sale May 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> in the Buck Pole area. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Wert to approve road improvements throughout the Village and authorize Village Manager to sign related 2026 County Road contracts in the amount \$250,132.00. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish to approve the recommendation by Bendzinski & Co. for CWSRF of rate increase for utility billing under the WWSRF project. Motion CARRIED (6-1) Opposed: Smith

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$458.94 for a total of \$462,946.30. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Toner to approve the additional equipment and subscription from Silversmith. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon presented Council with a thank you letter from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Falcon delivered an update on the Depot bidding process. DDA Project Team will open and review bids April 30, 2026.

Mr. Falcon provided an update that Ensley Park restrooms were progressing and the contractor is still on schedule to complete the project by July 6, 2026.

Council voted to the purchase of iPads for council use and authorized Mr. Falcon to purchase iPads with a given cap amount of \$350 per unit.

Mr. Falcon expressed his appreciation to the volunteers that helped make the Easter Egg Scramble a huge success.

Public Comment: Dave Saucier requested an update on the status of the depot & the planned purpose.

Council Comments: Trustee Wert inquired about a flooding issue on Emory St between Orton St. & Sherman St.

Trustee Smith inquired on the location of the newer Ensley Park sign.

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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Stephanie VanderPloeg, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President