

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2022

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: Dave Saucier inquired about pot holes and trimming trees in alley by township hall.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve the Social Media Site Posting Policy. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$6,998.81 for a total of \$90,380.38. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to set a public hearing date of November 21, 2022, for a DNR Grant requirement to qualify the Village for possible grants. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Smith to set a public hearing date of December 19, 2022, for the DDA plan renewal. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the company installing the cameras at the park is still waiting for one crucial element before getting the cameras installed. The company would like to run the conduit to the WiFi, which is ready, to be prepared for faster installation.

Council agreed to go ahead and enter into a lease with VanManen Petroleum to set up a diesel container at the DPW in order to save money on fuel for Village vehicles.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we have put restricted employee-only signs on many of the doors in Village hall, as recommended by the Sheriff Department, as we have had individuals walking through the building with cameras.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the Master Plan is complete, and each council member has a copy of the plan.

Public Comment: Mr. Baker stated the County Commissioners have been discussing animal control officers. Mr. Baker would like to see at least three officers hired. Council agreed to have Mr. Falcon write a letter and bring a resolution to Council for the November meeting in support of the hiring of the officers.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President