

****PROPOSED****

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve the 2025-2026 Amended Budget as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Toner to open the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Public Hearing at 7:04 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: Mr. Falcon touched on some bigger projects that the Village will be starting this year such as remodeling Ensley Park bathrooms, the Depot RAP Grant project, SRF Grant for wastewater in which Andy Campbell was present to introduce himself as the Village's financial consultant for the SRF project, fire hydrant replacements, new playground equipment for Ensley Park, purchasing a new grass rig with a unit installed, and setting aside money for capital improvement projects such as wells.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to close the public hearing at 7:14 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Toner to go to open meeting at 7:14 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget. Roll call vote: Hagstrom, aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; Toner, aye; Williams, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve Resolution 2026-01 General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the Montcalm County Housing Commission PILOT percentage will be on the March agenda to agree on a percent to charge for taxes for this year.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$10,062.65 for a total of \$63,674.55. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Toner seconded by MacTavish to approve Mr. Falcon signing a contract with Joe Armstead for the replacement of the traffic light at Ensley and Shaw Streets for \$41,000. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Council would like Mr. Falcon to get a banner to celebrate our Nation's 250th Anniversary.

Public Comment: Dave Saucier inquired about the water and wastewater system. Tabitha Ceglio, Harvest Festival Chair, informed Council that Harvest Festival will be September 11-15, 2026, and would like to be on the March agenda to go over their event application.

Trustee Smith inquired about street lights at Orton and Edgerton and Grant and Edgerton. Smith also inquired about bid openings.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President