

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to approve the agenda with the Manager comment additions of Chuck Shayler letter and vacation request. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

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

Public Comment: Zachary Eldridge read a letter regarding medical marijuana.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve having a beer tent for the street dances on June 16 and September 14 and to allow Edgerton to be closed off for the dances and the Classic Cruise-Ins that are planned. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon has been working on a medical marijuana resolution and will present one to the Council as soon as all the details are worked out.

Council gave Trustee Smith permission to have a house band at her house on September 1, 2018. Trustee Smith informed the council the band will be playing from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Hacko to accept the Griswold Group Priority Health alternative plan medical insurance. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon updated the Council as to where the talks are with Pierson Township's fire contract. The Village has given the township until Wednesday of this week to come to a decision or we would be stopping our fire coverage in Pierson Township.

Motion by Hacko seconded by Williams to approve the bills totaling \$64,304.14. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon informed the Council he wrote for a CDBG Infrastructure grant in the amount of \$1.8 million. He is working with MEDC in Lansing and hopes to receive notification this week regarding this grant.

Mr. Falcon updated Council on the Well #4 abandonment. The job is done and done under budget. The DPW will be taking down the building allowing the ballfields to be expanded.

Mr. Falcon informed the Council that the ballfields have been busy and we have received nothing but good comments regarding the fields.

Council decided to have a Work Session every other month prior to regular Council meeting beginning June 18.

Mr. Falcon updated the Council on the Bark in the Park event and encouraged each Council member to be at the event.

Mr. Heckman let Council know that Marge White cleaned up along the walk bridge and did a very nice job.

Mr. Falcon received a letter from Chuck Shayler asking for a donation for our fallen hero, Eric Johnson. We received the letter on May 5 and the event was May 10. The Village continues to memorialize Eric Johnson, and does not wish to participate in the Grand Rapids event this year.

Mr. Falcon requested vacation time for May 23 – 25 and was granted the time off.

Mr. Falcon stated he has received several nuisance animal calls. The Village is willing to help citizens during normal working hours Monday through Friday.

Trustee Smith inquired about the flea market during town-wide yard sales and why it was cancelled. It was decided by Council that the Village will put something together in order to have the flea market.

Mr. Baker was allowed to speak regarding the Council's work sessions, the hazardous waste cleanup on June 2, and gave his opinion on the flea market. Mr. VanWagner also gave his opinion on the flea market.

Council decided that an additional public comment section would be added to the end of the Council agenda.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President