

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Doug Vredevelde presented the Council with the 2020-21 Audit report.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by MacTavish to approve a beer tent with a DJ and from the hours of 3 pm – 12 am at Harvest Festival on September 18 with the provisions the area will be gated off, must be older than 21 signs prominently posted, no alcohol outside of designated area or in the streets, and all patrons given a wristband once ID has been checked. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to approve the amended 2021-22 budget as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$3,032.24 for a bill total of \$53,975.32. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council approved for Flex Cable to host a job fair in the empty lot by the Buck Pole on August 26 from 11 am – 2 pm.

Council would like Mr. Falcon to proceed with looking into creating a social district on Edgerton Street as requested by The Forager.

Council would like to pursue the expansion of Washburn Street from the dead end through to Orton in our next fiscal year.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that Lt. Governor Gilchrist visited the Pizza Café and The Forager. Mr. Falcon stated that the business owners were able to express some of their concerns and Mr. Falcon was also able to express Village needs, especially the paving of the White Pine Trail.

Public Comment: Ron Baker appreciated hearing about the visit from the Lt. Governor and Mr. Falcon's efforts for the businesses and White Pine Trail.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President