

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2021

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to open the 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan Public Hearing at 7:02 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: Mr. Falcon stated that this plan is an update to our existing plan; however, we needed to add survey information to the plan in order to qualify for DNR grants and/or trust fund monies.

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to close the public hearing at 7:03 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Bassett seconded by VanWagner to approve the 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan and Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Bassett, aye; Hagstrom, aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; VanWagner, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to approve the 2022 Council Meeting schedule and the 2022 Planning Commission schedule. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$1,796.00 for a bill total of \$180,110.30. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Council approved to allow Mr. Falcon to sign the contract with Fleis and VandenBrink for engineering fees for the Drinking Water Asset Management Grant.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that Dean's Excavating has finished the Cherry Street sewer line project that was presented in November as Dean's did come in with a lower bid.

Council agreed for Mr. Falcon to go for bids for the painting of the DPW building in 2022.

Council approved allowing a car show on May 15 from 9 am – 3 pm. Mr. Falcon will discuss possibilities with Mr. Carpenter as to where the car show can be held.

Mr. Falcon informed Council of Governor Whitmer's visit to Howard City. He stated it was an honor and a privilege to have the Governor visit Howard City.

Mr. Falcon presented Council with the Standard Operating Procedure book that Sara Taylor put together for the DPW. He stated that Sara did a very good and thorough job putting this book together so any new DPW employees can find anything they should need to help complete a task.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we have posted a position for the DPW as we have lost two employees in the last month.

Public Comment: Dave Saucier asked about the master plan billing as the township discussed that we are close to the end of our contracted billing amount.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Motion CARRIED (6--0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President