

PROPOSED
Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: Lori Shearer of Belding is running for 8th Circuit Judge presented background information about herself, her family & career.

Brian Campbell & Corey Bordo presented facts to help the council and residents understand the upcoming millages that would be up for vote on November 3, 2026 and how they effect the schools financial future.

Motion by Wert seconded by Smith to close the Open Council Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss Managers evaluation and land acquisition at 7:11 p.m. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by Smith to close Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by Smith to re-open Council Meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to pay bills as presented totaling \$646,674.78 with the addition of bills presented by the Treasurer of \$2647.04 for a total bills paid of \$649,321.82. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motioned by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to renew lease agreement for postage equipment with Quadient. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council to consider way to enforce the boundaries for the Social District. This item will be revisited at a later time.

Motioned by Wert seconded by Toner to approve to hire Vos Glass replace the front door of the office at 125 E. Shaw St. for \$7375.00. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motioned by Williams seconded by Hagstrom for trick-or-treat hours be on October 31, 2026 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. for trick-or-treating in Ensley Park. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon provided an update on the 2026 Michigan Fire Grant.

Mr. Falcon provided information of grants that are available through the CAC (Community Advancement Committee).

Motioned by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the quote of \$9750.00 that was provided by B & E Coating Services to seal cracks in the roads of Shaw St. and Ensley St. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon requested input from council for direction/clarification of what is expected from the Parks & Recreations Committee.

Public Comment : None

President Heckman (Fire Chief) provided a recap of the Fire Department's recent fire visit to Wolverine World Wide. He shared that Keith Grannis (Assistant Fire Chief) would be sending a thank-you note to express appreciation for the company's generous donation of coupons, allowing Volunteer Fire Department members and emergency personnel to go online and redeem a free pair of work boots.

President Heckman also wanted to thank Tom Kropewnicki for organizing the 210 Music Row Summer Celebration in such a short time.

President Heckman suggested that the Village of Howard City and the Parks & Recreation Committee work together to combine several events into a large event in the future in hopes of bringing more people to the village.

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Stephanie VanderPloeg, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President