

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Code Enforcer Danny Wright presented the code enforcement report from July.

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

Public Comment: Pam Bogucki had a public complaint against the council for lack of communication of future restaurant. Dave Bogucki requested site plans for restaurant.

Motion by Toner seconded by MacTavish to approve the new 3 year contract with HydroCorp. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by Williams to accept a \$25K Fire Extrication Equipment Grant. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve first 2025-2026 budget amendments as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish to allow beer tent for Harvest Festival to west of Fire Department. Motion FAILED (3-3)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Wert to allow beer tent for Harvest Festival if following conditions are met prior to event: 1. Tent is located to the west of the Fire Department 2. There are separate fences around the beer tent 3. Security at event and at entrances 4. Proof of insurance. Motion CARRIED (4-2)

Mr. Falcon addressed lack of communication from present Harvest Festival committee and suggested starting an application process going forward requiring at least 90 days prior notice.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$12,826.84 for a total of \$103,786.60. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Toner seconded by MacTavish to approve Maverick Mechanical Services quotes to repair mixing chamber for \$1,250 and pull and clean the air diffusers for \$4,275. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve Maverick Mechanical Services quote to repair the lift station auger for \$49,750. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon updated Council regarding DPW employees.

Mr. Falcon provided update to Council about lift station issue which occurred the weekend of 8/16/25 – 8/17/25.

Mr. Falcon contacted Village Attorney to re-write ordinance language for the Village President's term of office from a 2 year term to a 4 year term, per Council's Direction.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)