

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2019

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: Bernie Pepin, owner of Pizza Café, expressed his concerns over parking issues for his business. Mr. Falcon will write something up this week and present it to Council to see about resolving the issue.

Discussion about utilizing the collection of unused millage per the Headley Act was tabled until the December meeting.

Mr. Falcon updated the Council that he has not heard anything from the Hamiltons regarding the Cypress Street contract. The property owners have until December 30 to get work done as agreed before the property is re-zoned to residential.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Bassett to have the Village Manager go ahead with the negotiations on the Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance and have signed once it is negotiated. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to pay bills, with the addition of bills presented by the Clerk/Treasurer totaling \$72,400.76, for a total of \$111,861.14. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Council gave permission for an individual to use the parking lot for extended parking from 11/24 – 11/27.

Mr. Falcon asked Council for any budget ideas they have for fiscal year 2020-21.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the Village will be paying off the 1999 CDBG Block Grant Program loan early.

Mr. Falcon presented the Council with an historic donation from Jerry Bauer of an old flour sack in a frame that he found in his home. The library will be keeping this in the history room until further notice.

Council gave permission to close Edgerton Street and Federal Road from Edgerton School to the Depot for the Christmas Parade on December 14 for approximately 15-20 minutes.

Council gave permission for Harvest Festival to use the garage bay on December 14 for a can drive.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we are in the middle of a water reliability testing study, so Wednesday, November 20, 2019, some of the fire hydrants will be tested so there may be some complaints of brown water.

JoAnn Vukin sent a letter letting the Village know there are two parcels that were not sold at auction. One parcel is off Muenschler and the other off Laurel Street. Mr. Falcon will check these parcels out to see if they would be anything the Village would want. If they are not, he will inform Ms. Vukin that the Village does not want these parcels.

Council would like Mr. Falcon to sent Mr. Sikkema of 809 Walnut a letter stating the Village has done all we are going to do regarding his yard and driveway.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that Independent Bank did some clean up around the Village and wanted to thank them for their service. Independent Bank also picks three places each year to donate money to and gave the Village \$1,000 which was put into the Band Shell account.

Council agreed to receive a donated tree from an individual. We will need to take the tree down and transport it to the Depot.

Mr. Falcon presented Council with a Thanksgiving card from Fleis and VandenBrink.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the new owner of 705 Park Street has been making some progress at the house.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that he was approached by Mark Christensen of the Montcalm County Road Commission about a loader they have for sale for \$30,000. It is a much bigger loader than what we currently have; and Mr. Falcon stated he will be looking into how we could pay for this as he thinks this is a good deal.

Public Comment: Bernie Pepin thanked the Village for allowing the Buck Pole event again this year.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Bassett to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President