

****PROPOSED****

Village of Howard City Council Meeting Minutes December 15, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Toner to open the 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan public hearing at 7:04 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Mr. Falcon stated that the Village needed to revise the 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan in order to stay eligible for critical State and Federal funding opportunities; and this is the document presented to Council.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Wert to close the 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan public hearing at 7:06 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Wert to go back into open meeting at 7:06 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve the 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adopt 2025-07 Resolution Adopting 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by MacTavish to approve the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule eliminating the February 23, 2026, meeting. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Wert to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$2,498.99 for a total of \$44,709.76. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the Village Manager, Mike Falcon, to sign a three year contract with Aquatic Doctors. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon updated the Council on a replacement traffic light system at the intersection of Ensley and Shaw.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that next year's budget cycle is in progress and asked for any input from Council for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

Mr. Falcon updated Council on the WWSRF Grant that is in progress.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that all but 13 water meters have been changed in the Village and appreciated DPW and Ferguson working together to get the project completed.

Public Comment: None.

Trustee Wert inquired about fire discussion with Pierson Township.

Trustee Williams thanked the Village workers for the extra lights and work that went into the Annual Tree Lighting.

President Heckman stated concerns over road clearing.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President