

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Bassett seconded by Williams to increase the per meeting rate from \$35 to \$45 for each council member. Roll call vote: Bassett, Aye; Hagstrom, Aye; MacTavish, Aye; Smith, Aye; VanWagner, Nay; Williams, Aye; Heckman, Aye. Motion CARRIED (6-1)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to increase the President pay from \$2,000 to \$2,500 annually plus \$45 per council meeting. Roll call vote: Bassett, Aye; Hagstrom, Aye; MacTavish, Aye; Smith, Aye; VanWagner, Nay; Williams, Aye; Heckman, abstain. Motion CARRIED (5-1)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the 2019-2020 amended budget as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to open budget public hearing at 7:12 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: None

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to close public hearing at 7:13 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Smith to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Bassett, Aye; Hagstrom, Aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; VanWagner, aye; Williams, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Deb Fountain addressed the council on behalf of many of the downtown businesses requesting information needed to have sidewalk sales and music in the street the week prior to Harvest Festival and also would like information regarding the tree lighting in order to bring more people to the events and downtown. Council supports this request and asked Ms. Fountain to contact the Village Manager to discuss their ideas.

Motion by Bassett seconded by MacTavish to charge the property owner at 413 Ensley half the amount initially charged for illegally discharging into the Village sewer system. Motion CARRIED (6-1)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to pay bills as presented totaling \$2,884.50. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: None

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President