

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2018

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Smith, MacTavish, Williams, Bassett, Hagstrom, and Heckman. Arrived at 7:06: Hacko.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: Michael VanWagner asked if there was any information as to how much revenue was generated in the Village by having the DNR deer check station. Mr. VanWagner also asked about the Planning Commission.

Kelly Miles approached the Council asking for permission to have chickens at her residence. The Council tabled the discussion until the March meeting.

Motion by Williams seconded by Hacko to go into Executive Session at 7:11 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Hacko to close Executive session at 7:39 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon stated that we have had numerous dog complaints and asked Council to think of options that the Village can look at in order to get dogs under control. Council tabled the discussion until the March meeting.

Mr. Falcon informed the Council that the Planning Commission met regarding a new parking option behind the Latitudes and Post Office buildings, along with one-way driving options. Motion by Hacko seconded by Williams to approve the proposed parking plan and to make the alley one-way from Ensley to White Streets and one-way from Edgerton to Williams Streets. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon gave an update on the proposed and amended budget.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to increase the Village millage rate from 12.41010 to 13.41010 mills with the additional mill to be applied to the general millage to increase that rate from 9.15020 to 10.15020. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Hacko to pay bills as presented totaling \$39,952.03. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hacko seconded by Bassett to amend the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance, section 152.01, to read "as amended". Motion CARRIED (7-0)

The Council gave permission for Mr. Falcon to accept the Montcalm County Economic Alliance Executive position that he was voted to join by the Alliance.

Mr. Falcon asked Council to keep on the forefront the discussion regarding medical marijuana until a decision is made as to what direction Council would like to go.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)