

# **\*\*PROPOSED\*\***

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: Deb Becker-Fountain thanked everyone for the help with the August Music Festival and looks forward to working with the Council for future events. The downtown businesses have agreed to combine their event with the Tree Lighting this year to be held on December 6, 2025.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the bills as presented totaling \$153,321.72. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Wert seconded by Toner to approve Ordinance 2025-01 Village President Term of Office. Roll Call Vote: Hagstrom, aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; Toner, aye; Wert, aye; Williams, aye; Heckman, abstain. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve the Event Application as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-1)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve a 66-foot easement on Village owned parcel #59-047-262-001-05 to the East for a parcel that will be split North to south. The Parcel split that will need this easement will be the following: PARCEL #2: That part of the Second Addition to the Village of Howard City, T12N, R10W, Montcalm County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of Block (L) said Second Addition to the Village of Howard City; thence S 89°56'30" E 33 feet long the south line of Shaw Street (100 feet wide); thence SOUTH 286 feet along the centerline of vacated Mulberry Street (66 feet wide) to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence SOUTH #235 a feet along said centerline; thence N 89°56'30" W 152.60 feet; thence NORTH 235feet; thence. S 89°56'30" E152.60 feet to the point of beginning located to the East of Taco Bell and Village property. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by McTavish. In 1993, the Village of Howard City vacated Myrtle Street from North of Edgerton Street to Tamarack Creek. On October 12, 2002, the Village additionally vacated the southernmost 433 feet of Myrtle Street, between Shaw Street and Chestnut Street. As of this meeting, the Village Council affirms that, the 520 feet of Myrtle Street south of Shaw Street was never intended to be vacated and should not be considered vacated. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon updated the Council on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) bond opportunity that the Village is eligible to receive.

Mr. Falcon welcomed Ben Pirkola as the Village's DPW Supervisor and informed Council that one DPW worker will most likely be called up to active duty in January and be deployed for an unknown amount of time.

Public Comment: Tabitha Cegio, 8519 Loveless Drive, addressed the Council as Secretary of the Harvest Festival Committee and would like to improve communication between the Village and Harvest Festival Committee.

Trustee Smith expressed concern regarding DPW workers on lawn mowers in town.

Trustee Wert inquired about getting dog excrement bags and holders in Ensley Park for residents to use for clean-up. She also inquired about hosting Ultimate Air Dogs in the Village. President Heckman would like to see events combined through the year in the Village.

President Heckman would like to sell a couple of DPW trucks that are not being used and discuss the fire department grass rig. President Heckman thanked the Harvest Festival Committee for taking time to put on a great event this year. President Heckman would like to see the ballfields and downtown areas weeded.

Motion by Williams seconded by Wert to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President