

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

President Heckman presented Council with the idea of hiring a code enforcer to help get the Village cleaned up as Mr. Falcon has been spending the majority of his time dealing with code violations. Mr. Falcon stated we have an employee on staff, Sara Taylor, who he would like to approach regarding the part-time position as he believes she would be a good candidate for this position. Council would like to bring this discussion to next month's council meeting to discuss further.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$3,080.08 for a bill total of \$58,182.28. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by MacTavish to enter into new five-year postage machine lease agreement with Quadient Leasing. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon presented Council with a Park and Recreation survey to be sent out to all residents of the Village as we will be updating our current five-year plan in order to meet criteria for various grants that could be available.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to approve Resolution 2013-3 Resolution of Intent to Vacate a Street with a public hearing to be held at the next Council meeting on June 21, 2021, at 7:05 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon reminded everyone of the free clean-up day this next Saturday, May 22, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Mr. Falcon asked Council about putting solar panels on a roof of a residence and Council approved.

Public Comment: Ron Baker stated the County has started the budget process that needs to be completed by the end of September. Mr. Baker also stated the County has been adding personnel to various departments. Mr. Baker informed Council that the hazardous waste collection from the prior Saturday was successful. Vern Crater inquired about an issue he had brought to Mr. Falcon a few months ago.

Trustee Smith informed Council that the library would like to use the Depot this summer for their reading program. She spoke with Mr. Falcon about this and he stated there was no problem.

Mr. Falcon reminded Council that Music in the Park will be starting July 6 and every Tuesday through August 10 and encourages Council members to take turns introducing the bands and close restrooms.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President