

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7.00 pm

Present: Gondre, Harris, Marek, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent: Lipke

The Pledge of allegiance was given.

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the December 14, 2009 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as presented

Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adopt the 2009/2010 amended budget as presented. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Motion by Marek seconded by Harris to Authorize the Village Clerk and Village President to sign the 2010/11 Pierson Township Fire Services Agreement.

Motion Carried. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Thomas to authorize the Village Clerk and Village President to sign the 2010/11 Reynolds Township Fire Services Agreement.

Motion carried. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to authorize the Village Manager to submit a 2010 Michigan Arts Council Grant Application. Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to approve pay dispersement # 6 to the State Revolving Fund. Motion Carried. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to pay bills totaling, \$58,694.74 as presented
Motion Carried. (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Motion Carried (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present were Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Marek, Scott, Thomas, Williams.
Absent were: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke Seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the January 25, 2010 Meeting
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services report
Treasurer's Report
Motion Carried. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to approve the Agenda as presented
Motion carried (7-0)

Louise Culver suggested that the village adopt a dress code and not allow village vehicles to be parked on Edgerton Street at lunch. She was informed that there is a dress code and the parking issue has been addressed.

Ron Baker was present to say he heard from constituents about the side walk shoveling ordinance and suggested purchasing equipment and having the MSD plow all the sidewalks in town.

Mike Smith suggested that the time allotted for shoveling the snow was a burden to those who work. He didn't think it gave ample time to get the sidewalks cleared.

President Scott announced the resignation of Chris Stapp from the Municipal Services Department. He is moving to Florida. President Scott thanked Chris for his 12 years of service to the village and wished him luck in the future.

President Scott opened the Public Hearing for the 2010/2011 budget at 7:08 p.m.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Marek to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Motion Carried (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to adopt the 2010/2011 proposed budget as presented. Motion Carried (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution # 2010-1, the General Appropriations Act Resolution for fiscal year 2010/2011 Gondre-yes, Harris-yes, Lipke-yes, Marek-yes, Scott-yes, Thomas-yes, Williams-yes. Motion Carried (7-0)

Motion by Marek seconded by Lipke to adopt Ordinance #2010-1, imposing a moratorium on the issuance of village permits, licenses or approvals for the sale or dispensation of medical marihuana. Gondre- yes, Harris-yes, Lipke-yes, Marek-yes, Scott-yes, Thomas-yes, Williams-yes. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to amend the Employee Policy Manual as presented Motion Carried (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to pay all bills needed to finish the fiscal year and present them at the March 8, 2010 meeting. The President and Manager will review the bills before they are sent. Motion Carried (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Marek to adjourn at 7.24 p.m. Motion Carried (7-o)

Village of Howard city
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance Was given

Motion by Gondre seconded by Williams to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the February 8, 2010 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion carried (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the Agenda as amended

Motion carried (7-0)

Ron Baker was present to encourage all constituents to participate in the 2010 Census. The correct numbers directly affect state and federal funding and also political boundaries.

Greg Dehart was present to ask about enforcement of the junk vehicle ordinance. There is a junk vehicle parked next door and it's been there for two years. He was told that the Police Department is currently working on enforcement. He wanted to know if the village can give more of a break for those who water their lawn. He thinks watering the lawns enhances the neighborhoods and provides more oxygen in the air. He also asked whether semi tractor trailers were allowed to be parked in residential neighborhoods. He was told that the semi tractors are allowed in residential neighborhoods but the semi trailers are not allowed.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution # 2010-2. Gondre-aye, Harris aye, Lipke-aye, Marek-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye, Williams-aye. Motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Marek to authorize the Village to participate in a long and short term disability program with the premiums to be paid directly by the employees. Motion carried. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to set a Public Hearing for April 12, 2010 at 7:05 pm to receive comment on the Site Plan Review Ordinance. Motion carried (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas and to adopt Ordinance #2010-2, an Ordinance to regulate the possession and sale of drug paraphernalia. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Marek-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye, Williams-aye. Motion Carried (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$22,710.08 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Police Department was successful in receiving a \$6300 grant for a video system in a police cruiser from a Byrne-Jag Technology Grant.

Motion by Williams seconded by Gondre to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of March 8, 2010 Meeting.

Police Report

Fire Report Municipal Services Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

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

Motion by Harris seconded by Marek to approve the 2010/2011 appointments presented by President Scott. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott reported that he attended two Michigan Municipal League classes. One was regarding medical marihuana and one was the about the impact parks have on community economic development. He found both classes to be informative and well worth the time.

Christie Cook was present from the Rural Community Assistance Partnership. They will be conducting an income survey to determine if the village falls under the low-moderate range to qualify for MEDC funds. This is done at no cost to the village.

Motion by Williams seconded by Thomas to authorize the Village Manager to sign the Community Commitment Agreement for the income survey. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott opened a Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the Planning Commission's recommendation to have site plan review be final at the Planning Commission level. The site plan review would no longer require council approval.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Marek to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission's and amend the Site Plan Review Ordinance as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Marek seconded by Williams to authorize the Village President to sign the Cost Recovery Corporation agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Marek seconded by Williams to authorize the Village Manager to apply for a USDA Grant. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adopt the Water Service policy as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Lipke dissenting)

The Council directed Manager Rambo to get more information about the snowmobile drag races proposed for the Winterfest next year.

The Department of Municipal Services hired Jeff Rosenberger from a pool of 78 applications. He is a very qualified and personable individual.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to pay bills totaling \$2217.44. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Marek, Thomas, Williams. Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Marek to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the April 12, 2010 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott reported that he went to a small community's seminar in Thompsonville. He came back with a lot of good information about how small communities are surviving and thriving with the loss of state and federal funding.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to approve pay dispersement #8 to the State Revolving Fund. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to approve bills totaling \$15409.62. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott announced he has received Bob Lipke's resignation from the council. Bob has sold his home and is moving out of state. The Council thanked Bob for his dedication to the people of Howard City by serving on the Planning Commission and the Village Council.

A letter was received and filed from Judy Vande Guchte, a Still Waters Ministry Board member, asking that water and sewer rates be lowered for their organization. Manager Rambo will respond explaining that we must charge the same rate for all organizations and residences connected to the system. We cannot give a discounted rate.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Gondre, Harris, Thomas, Scott, Williams

Absent was: Marek

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the May 10, 2010 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Tim Scott, Director of Montcalm County Central Dispatch was present to explain the surcharge that will be on the August primary ballot. If passed it would raise the monthly charge on land lines and cell phones from \$1.89 to \$3.00.

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to pay the bills totaling \$10,671.76. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Gondre, Harris, Marek, Thomas, Scott, Williams. Absent: None

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Rick Outman, candidate for State Representative, was present to introduce himself and offer to answer any questions.

Cheryl Smith was present to ask what is being done about the vandalism in town that has been happening the last few months. Manager Rambo will check into it and get her some answers.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to appoint Ron Bowers to the Downtown Development Authority. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to adopt Resolution 2010-03, a Resolution to extend the moratorium on medical marihuana. Gondre-yes, Harris-yes, Marek-yes, Thomas-yes, Scott-yes, Williams-yes. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Thomas to direct the Village Manager to apply for redevelopment licenses under PA 501 of 2006. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Marek dissenting.)

Motion by Harris seconded by Marek to adopt Resolution 2010-4, a notice of intent to issue and sell capital improvement bonds. Gondre-yes, Harris-yes, Marek-yes, Thomas-yes, Scott-yes, Williams-yes. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Marek seconded by Harris to pay bills totaling \$38,224.72. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2020

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Gondre, Harris, Marek, Thomas, Scott, Williams. Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to accept the recommendation of the Village President and appoint Jodi Cummings to fill the Trustee vacancy until the September 2011 election. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the agenda as presented. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the request from Latitudes Restaurant to have a temporary entertainment tent on September 17 and September 18, 2010 in the public right-of-way North of 101 E Edgerton Street with the following conditions:

1. 50% of the net revenue from alcohol sales in the entertainment tent shall be issued to the Village of Howard City Parks & Recreation Committee.
2. Latitudes shall seek and implement operational recommendations from the Montcalm Coalition for the Prevention of Underage Drinking.
3. Permitted hours of operation shall be from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Friday and 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Saturday
4. Music shall be permitted from 5:00 pm to 11:30 p.m. on Friday and 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday with the exception that the music will be turned off during the parade of lights and kept at a volume level that will not interfere with the street dance.
5. Latitudes Restaurant shall hold the Village of Howard City harmless from all liability associated with the Entertainment Tent.
6. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain all necessary licenses from the Liquor Control Commission.
7. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain 1 million dollars worth of liquor liability insurance coverage for the event.
8. Latitudes Restaurant shall implement operational changes requested by the Howard City Police Department and/or Fire Department during the event.
9. All advertisements for the entertainment tent shall be approved by the Harvest Festival Committee prior to be published. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to adopt Resolution #2010-5. Roll Call. Cummings-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Marek-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye, Willimas-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to accept the Employee Relations Committee recommendation and authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the Manager's Continuation Agreement as Presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Cummings to pay bills totaling \$15,054.91. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Marek to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Cummings, Harris, Marek, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent: Gondre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the August 9, 2010 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

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

Motion by Marek seconded by Harris to direct the Village Manager to draft a proposed ORV ordinance and set a public hearing for October 11, 2010 at 7:05 p.m. to receive input on the proposed ORV ordinance. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Cummings seconded by Williams to direct the Village Manager to draft a proposed Medical Marihuana ordinance and set a public hearing for October 11, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. to receive input on the proposed Medical Marihuana ordinance. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to appoint Lisa Palmer Deputy Clerk. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to pay bills totaling \$7,158.46 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Cummings, Gondre, Harris, Marek, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Williams seconded by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the September 13, 2010 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Cummings to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Ron Baker was present to inform the council of an upcoming meeting in Greenville. It is a Consumer Forum with a representative from the MPSC Commission to discuss electric, gas or telephone rates or concerns with services. It will be held at the Greenville Community Center on October 21st at 6:00 p.m. He will supply a flier to post at the Village Office.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to adopt the revised Organizational Chart and 2010/2011 Appointments as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott read a letter from Harvest Festival Chairwoman, Cheryl Scott thanking the Council for their support of the event this year.

President Scott thanked the Harvest Festival Committee for their hard work and commitment to the community in making the Festival such a wonderful event each year.

The Public Hearing for input on the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance was opened at 7:05 p.m. Manager Rambo explained that Montcalm County opted to open their roads to ORV's and the Village Council needs to decide if they will follow the County's lead and do the same or opt to not allow the operation of ORV's on Village streets. Gregg DeHart and Marc Bennett contacted Manager Rambo and were asked to be put on record in support of opening the streets to ORV's at least on a trial basis. Pat Dehart was present and stated that it is not widely known that ORV's are allowed on the County roads and didn't think it would cause any problems. Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Public Hearing for input on a potential medical marihuana ordinance was opened at 7:21 p.m. Manager Rambo explained that the Village Attorney has suggested an Ordinance that would ban or not allow medical marihuana dispensaries. This would be adopted as an amendment to the Village's Zoning Ordinance. The State of Michigan has publicly taken the position that medical marihuana dispensaries are not a lawful use. Also, he has suggested that given some of the developments that appear to be occurring with other local governments seeking direction from the courts, the village may be best served by leaving the current moratorium in place and allowing the legislature or courts to provide further direction in terms of regulation or control. Motion by Marek seconded by Cummings to close the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris to proceed with an ordinance to allow ORV's on Village streets. Motion died due to lack of support.

Motion by Harris seconded by Cummings to take no action on an ORV Ordinance for Village streets. Motion CARRIED. (5-2, Harris, Scott dissenting)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to place comments on record for the Medical Marihuana Public Hearing for consideration at a later date. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Cummings seconded by Marek to pay bills totaling \$9,245.08. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Cummings seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Cummings, Gondre, Harris, Marek, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Williams seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the October 11, 2011 Council Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Cummings to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Louise Culver was present to express her concern about leaf pick-up. She asked the council to extend it next year until November 15th. Manager Rambo will discuss leaf pick-up with Superintendent VanWagner.

President Scott and the Council thanked Mary Roush for her efforts with the Farmer's Market this past year. Mary does a great job with the market and securing vendor's.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the request from Latitudes Restaurant to have a temporary entertainment tent on January 14 and January 15, 2011 on Edgerton Street in front of 101 E Edgerton Street with the following conditions:

1. 50% of the net revenue from sales within the entertainment tent shall be issued to the Howard City Lions Club.
2. Latitudes shall seek and implement operational recommendations from the Montcalm Coalition for the Prevention of Underage Drinking.
3. Permitted hours of operation shall be from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Friday and 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Saturday. Alcohol may only be sold after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
4. Music shall be permitted from 6:00 pm to 11:30 p.m. on Friday and 12:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday.
5. Latitudes Restaurant shall hold the Village of Howard City and the Panhandle Chamber of Commerce harmless from all liability associated with the Entertainment Tent.
6. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain all necessary licenses from the Liquor Control Commission

7. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain 1 million dollars worth of liquor liability insurance coverage for the event.

8. Latitudes Restaurant shall implement operational changes requested by the Howard City Police Department and/or Fire Department during the event.

9. All advertisements for the entertainment tent shall be tasteful and approved by the Winterfest Committee prior to be published. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Cummings to refer a draft Medical Marihuana ordinance to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to pay bills totaling \$2,349.47. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Cummings seconded by Marek to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2010

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Cummings, Gondre, Harris, Marek, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 Council Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

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

President Scott thanked the VFW for honoring veterans at their annual Veterans Day service.

President Scott thanked the TCH Reynolds Township Library, the Village Employees and Still Waters for their efforts in making the Tree Lighting Ceremony a success.

The new laws regarding Sunday morning beer, wine and liquor sales were discussed.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Cummings to authorize the Village Clerk and Village President to sign the 2011/2012 Fire Services Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Cummings to initiate the contract renewal process with Green Valley Disposal for municipal trash pick up. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Cummings to adopt Resolution #2010-5, a Resolution committing funds to the Edgerton Streetscape project. Cummings-Aye, Gondre-Aye, Harris-Aye, Marek-Aye, Scott-Aye, Thomas-Aye, Williams-Aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2010-6, a Resolution to submit the Michigan CDBG Downtown Infrastructure Grant Program Notice of Intent. Cummings-Aye, Gondre-Aye, Harris-Aye, Marek-Aye, Scott-Aye, Thomas-Aye, Williams-Aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Trustee Gondre asked about a resolution for leaf pick up for next fall. Manager Rambo will return with dates for next fall.

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to pay bills totaling \$32,237.44. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Cummings to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Thomas, Harris, Bennett, Gondre and Lipke. Absent was Michaels.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

County Commissioner Ron Baker was present to update the Council on the County-Wide transit initiative. He also asked for input on the upcoming contract renewal with R & R Research that the County Commissioners are preparing to vote on.

President Scott read a letter of resignation from Jolene Michaels. She resigned as a Council Trustee and as Planning Commissioner because she has moved from the village. Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to accept the resignation of Trustee Michaels with regret. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council thanked Ms. Michaels for her dedication and service to the community.

The Clerk will put an advertisement in the River Valley Shopper for resumes for a Council Trustee and a Planning Commissioner.

President Scott called a Special Council Meeting for February 23, 2009. This meeting will be for final budget passage and the Budget Public Hearing.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to adopt Ordinance #2009-1. Roll Call vote. Bennett-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to adopt Ordinance #2009-2. Roll Call vote. Bennett-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Bennett to pay the bills totaling \$4578.48. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Scott, Bennett, Thomas, Harris, Gondre and Lipke. Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the January 12, 2009 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Fred Haack was present to ask the steps he needs to take to place his sign back in the village's right-of-way. Manager Rambo explained that he needs to seek Council approval to place the sign in the right-of-way and if approved a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Chief DeWitt introduced the Village's newest police officer, Suzanne McDonald.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the 2009/10 Reynolds Township Fire Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Lipke to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the 2009/10 Pierson Township Fire Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the Tri County & Pierson Township Police Services Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to amend the 2008/09 budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to pay bills totaling \$13316.70. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Scott, Thomas, Harris, Lipke, Bennett, Gondre. Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Bennett to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Minutes of the February 9, 2009 Regular Meeting
Minutes of the February 16, 2009 Special Meeting.
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott announced the village has been named a Tree City USA for the fourth consecutive year.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the recommendation of the Village President and appoint Janice Williams to the vacated Trustee position. Janice will serve until the September 2009 election. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the recommendation of the Village President and appoint Eleanor Marek to the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke to table Ordinance #2009-4. Motion died due to lack of support.

Motion by Bennett seconded by Thomas to adopt Ordinance #2009-4, an Ordinance to add Chapter 115 Sections 10, 11 and 12 of the Village Code. Bennett-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-no, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (5-1)

Manager Rambo was directed to review our current Ordinances and our ability to charge businesses for extra wastewater testing above and beyond the normal testing we are required to perform.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to adopt Ordinance #2009-3, an Ordinance to add Chapter 117 sections 12 and 13 of the Village Code and amend Chapter 117, Section

1A. Bennett-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2009-2, a Resolution urging statewide collection of high resolution orthoimagery in Michigan. Bennett-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-no, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to adopt Resolution #2009-3, a Resolution supporting the Montcalm Countywide Transit Initiative. Bennett-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-no, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Planning Commission will meet on March 18, 2009. The Commission will be discussing amending section the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to pay the bills totaling \$4680.42. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent was: Bennett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the March 9, 2009 Meeting
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

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

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to approve the 2009-2010 Appointments as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A Public Hearing to receive comment concerning the Non-Conforming Sign Ordinance amendments was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment was given by Jim Kurlenda regarding his desire to have water, sewer, natural gas, and sidewalks on Orton Street. Also questioning who mows the right-of-way in front of resident's property. Mr. Kurlenda was directed to address his concerns in writing to the Village Manager.

Mr. Dale Allington was present to comment on his desire to have water, sewer and the White Pine Trail paved to Cypress Street.

Mrs. Paula Hagstrom was present to ask what services are provided for her tax dollar.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the special use permit for the Alltel/Verizon tower as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to close the Public Hearing concerning the Non-Conforming Sign Ordinance. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and eliminate Subsection 3 of Section E of Chapter of Chapter 14 of the Sign Ordinance and strike the word altered from Subsection 2 of Section E of Chapter 14 of the Sign Ordinance. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to adopt Resolution #2009-4, Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye, Williams-aye, Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution 2009-5, to authorize issuance of sewer system revenue bonds, series 2009 for the purpose of financing improvements to the sanitary sewer system of the village. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye, Williams-aye, Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$5015.54. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Scott, Williams. Absent were Bennett and Thomas.

Motion by Williams seconded by Lipke to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the April 13, 2009 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Mrs. Louise Culver commented about an article in the Daily News regarding the Panhandle Chamber's Legislative Luncheon.

Manager Rambo reported that the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission is willing to work with the Village and Reynolds Township to update their Master Plans.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to support a joint Master Plan with Reynolds Township. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to pay the bills totaling \$17633.06. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Harris, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent were: Bennett, Gondre, Lipke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the May 11, 2009 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

President Scott reported he attended the West Michigan Alliance State of the Region. There are reports available for those who would like to read them.

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to accept the Master Plan proposal from the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2009-5, designating the Skateboard Park Committee as a sub committee of the Parks and Recreation Committee and supporting the building of a skate park in Howard City. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to initiate the office hour amendments as presented. A 6 month trial shift of the main office hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This would equate to a 10.5 hour day (30 minute lunch) Monday through Thursday. Thus, we would be closed on Friday because it is the slowest "foot traffic" day of the week. This non-traditional approach will increase accessibility to the Village Office and serve as a convenience to our working residents. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

There will be a public hearing at the July 13, 2009 meeting to hear input on an outdoor wood furnace ordinance proposed by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to pay the bills totaling \$22,894.92 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Clerk Alexander reminded everyone that there will be a Pancake Breakfast on June 20, 2009 at the Fire Station. The proceeds will go to finishing the Ensley Park Project.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Motion CARRIED.
(4-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Bennett, Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Scott, Thomas and Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the June 8, 2009 Meeting
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Treasurer's Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Marianne Shepard, member of the skate park committee, presented a proposed skate park they would like to put on Village property. The money to pay for this will come from donations and grants. The village will check on insurance liability and will hold a public hearing at their next meeting to get the neighbors comments and concerns.

Motion by Harris seconded by Bennett to adopt Ordinance # 2009-5, regarding outdoor furnaces. Roll Call Vote. Bennett-Aye, Gondre-Aye, Harris-Aye, Lipke-Aye, Scott-Aye, Thomas-Aye and Williams-Aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$16,529.98 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All trustees were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the July 13, 2009 Meeting
Minutes of the July 28, 2009 Meeting
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Treasurer's Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded Lipke to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to adopt a Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses submitted by Still Waters Ministry Center. Bennett-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye, Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott opened a Public Hearing for the Skate Park. Marianne Shepard gave a presentation about the proposed skate park. The lot they would like to construct the park on is on the corner of Williams and Cass Streets and owned by the Village.

Several residents including, Don Barnum, Dorothy Kohn and Bonnie Kuzee, expressed concerns over noise, foul language, litter, insurance costs to the village and who will maintain the park after it is constructed.

Penny Bronakowski was present to express her support for the project. She goes to area skate parks and says there is limited noise and notices the kids behavior is usually good. Louise Culver stated that she believes the kids will police themselves and pick up trash in order to continue use of the skate park.

John VanTholen, from Green Valley Disposal was present to answer any questions about the refuse agreement and to announce the decrease in rates for the upcoming year. Monthly trash service for a cart and weekly pick up will be \$10.55, which is \$.45 less than the current rate of \$11.00 per month.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve a monthly fuel rate reduction of \$.45 to the Green Valley Disposal Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Bennett to approve the request from Latitudes Restaurant to have a temporary entertainment tent on September 18 and September 19, 2009 in the public right-of-way North of 101 E. Edgerton Street with the following conditions:

1. 50% of the net revenue from alcohol sales in the entertainment tent shall be issued to the Village of Howard City Parks & Recreation Committee.
2. Latitudes shall seek and implement operational recommendations from the Montcalm Coalition for the Prevention of Underage Drinking.
3. Permitted hours of operation shall be from 3:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
4. Music shall be permitted from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with the exception that the music will be turned off during the parade of lights and kept at a volume level that will not interfere with the street dance.
5. Latitudes Restaurant shall hold the Village of Howard City harmless from all liability associated with the Entertainment Tent.
6. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain all necessary licenses from the Liquor Control Commission.
7. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain all necessary insurance coverage for the event.
8. Latitudes Restaurant shall implement operational changes requested by the Howard City Police Department and/or Fire Department during the event.

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Public Hearing for the Skate Park was continued. Motion by Lipke seconded by Bennett to close the public comment of the hearing at 8:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to authorize the use of the public property in the NE corner of Williams and Cass Streets for a skate park as requested by the Skate Park Committee. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, Harris abstaining)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to direct the Skate Park Committee to apply to the Planning Commission for a Special Use Permit. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, Harris abstaining)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to pay the bills totaling \$20,393.25 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to adjourn at 8:09 a.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Bennett, Gondre, Lipke, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent: Harris

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Bennett seconded by Lipke to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to approve the following items on Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the August 10, 2009 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Williams to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Howard City Animal Hospital site plan as presented.

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Thomas to hold a Public Hearing on October 12, 2009 at 7:10 p.m. to receive comment on amending the Zoning Ordinance in regard to the site plan review process. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Gondre to authorize the Village Manager to sign the Verizon Metro Act Telecommunications right-of-way Permit. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Lipke to adopt the 2009/2010 Village of Howard City Strategic Goals as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Williams to authorize the Village President and the Village Clerk to sign Sewer contracts 1, 2 and 3. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Gondre to pay bills totaling, \$28,412.51. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Present were: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the September 14, 2009 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

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

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to adopt Resolution #2009-9, permanently setting Trick or Treat hours for October 31st from 6 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye, Williams-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The President directed the Clerk to advertise the Council Trustee vacancy in the newspaper. Resumes and letters of interest will be accepted through November 6, 2009.

A public hearing regarding the site plan review process was opened at 7:07 p.m. No public comment was heard. Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to close the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. The Council directed Manager Rambo to prepare draft ordinance amendments.

Motion by Williams seconded by Gondre to authorize Manager Rambo to sign the Howard City WIFI lease agreement. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling, \$9,464.31. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Trustee Gondre complimented the new Police Report format.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Williams to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
November 09, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Gondre, Harris, Thomas, Scott, Williams. Absent was: Lipke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Thomas supported by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the October 12, 2009

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Williams supported by Harris to appoint Eleanor Marek to fill the vacancy on the Council until the September 2011 election. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

President Scott thanked the Max and Patricia Zamarripa Field of Dreams Foundation for their donation of \$1,000 to the Ensley Park Improvement Fund.

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to approve the request from Latitudes Restaurant to have a temporary entertainment tent on January 15 and January 16, 2009 on Edgerton Street between Ensley and White Street with the following conditions:

1. 50% of the net sales revenue from the entertainment tent shall be issued to Helping Hands Food Pantry.
2. Latitudes shall seek and implement operation recommendations from the Montcalm Coalition for the Prevention of Underage Drinking.
3. Permitted hours of operation shall be from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Friday the 15th and 12:00 a.m. on Saturday the 16th.
4. Music shall be permitted from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on the 15th and 16th.
5. Latitudes Restaurant shall hold the Village of Howard City and the Panhandle Chamber of Commerce harmless from all liability associated with the Entertainment Tent.
6. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain all necessary licenses from the Liquor Control Commission.
7. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain all necessary insurance coverage for the event.

8. Latitudes Restaurant shall implement operational changes requested by the Howard City Police Department and/or the Howard City Fire Department during the event.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve pay disbursements #1 and #2 to the State Revolving Fund. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to recognize the Max and Patricia Zamarripa Field of Dreams Foundation as a non-profit organization operating in the community. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to pay the bills totaling \$ 10,441.57 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Williams to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2009

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Present: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Marek, Scott, Thomas, Williams. Absent: None.

Motion by Williams seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the November 14, 2009 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Commissioner Ron Baker was present to inform the council of the County Commissioner's meeting on December 21st at 1:00 p.m. The Drain Commissioner has been asked to present a timeline of events leading up to the Perry Drain to the commission. Commissioner Baker will push for a plan to make sure all constituents are fully aware of all costs of projects and give residents the opportunity to have more than one option when costs are high.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve Resolution #2009-11, a resolution to transfer ownership of the liquor license from the Kern's Kolony to Latitudes Restaurant. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Marek-no, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye, Williams-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Marek dissenting)

Motion by Harris seconded by Williams to approve pay disbursements #3 and #5 to the State Revolving Fund. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to pay the bills totaling \$15789.37. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Marek to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting
January 14, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Michaels, Thomas, Harris, Bennett. Absent was Gondre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of December 10, 2007 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott called a special meeting for February 25th at 7:00 p.m. for the final budget hearing and budget approval.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to submit the AYSO site plan to the Planning Commission for recommendation. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to increase the sewer readiness to serve rate \$3.00 per month. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Lipke dissenting)

Motion by Michaels to raise the sewer commodity charge \$.50 per 1000 gallons. Motion died because of lack of support.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to raise the sewer commodity charge \$.50 per 1000 gallons. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve Ordinance No. 2008-1 as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to pay the bills totaling \$44247.87. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Bennett to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
February 11, 2008
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members and several citizens were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Bennett to approve the following items on the Consent

Agenda:

Minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

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

Honorable Charles Miel was present to endorse and introduce Suzanne Hoseth Kreeger, candidate for 8th Judicial Circuit Court. Ms. Kreeger gave the council her qualifications as to why she feels she is the right candidate for the 8th Circuit Court Judge race in November.

President Scott thanked Mrs. Louise Culver for her assistance in obtaining the two lots donated to the village for the AYSO soccer fields.

Jamie Karhoff gave a presentation about the AYSO program and the proposed fields to be constructed near the Cedar Street water tower.

Manager Rambo presented an updated plan that encompasses the concerns of the neighbors from the Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the AYSO site plan and special use permit for a public recreation use at the property known as 625 Cedar Street. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the AYSO use agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Thomas to approve Resolution 2008-2, a Resolution to provide the Non Federal Share of the Economic Development Administration Grant.

Roll Call: Bennett-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to amend the 2007/2008 budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Michaels to hold the 2008/09 budget hearing on February 25th, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the 2008/11 Reynolds Township Police Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the 2008-09 Reynolds Township Fire Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the 2008/09 Pierson Township Fire Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to pay the bills totaling \$7803.68. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
March 10, 2008
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members and several citizens were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent

Agenda:

Minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to accept the proposed Schedule of Council Meetings.

Motion CARRIED (7 – 0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to pay the bills as submitted.

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Chris Cornelisse
Deputy Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented:

Minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

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

Mrs. Louise Culver was present to comment on the need for fast food in Howard City.

President Scott read Resolution #2008-2 honoring Charles Shayler on his retirement and for his leadership and dedication as Police Chief for 23 years.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve Resolution #2008-2. Roll Call Vote. Bennett-aye, Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye.

Chief Shayler thanked the Council for their support for him and his department over the years.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Bennett to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the manager's employment agreement as amended. Motion CARRIED.
(7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to amend Chapter 4.2, Section C of the employee policy manual as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Michaels dissenting)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Gondre to approve bills totaling \$30460.31. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Rambo reported that the Friends of the Library are having their 1st Annual Gardenganza at the old depot and staging area on May 31 from 9-4. There will be plants and flowers for sale and trade.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Bennett to adjourn at 7:20 a.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Special Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Scott, Bennett, Gondre, Michaels, Lipke

Absent were: Harris and Thomas

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Fleis and Vandenbrink update the Council on the Wastewater Treatment Plant plans. The MDEQ has decided that the village may discharge into the larger Tamarack Creek than the smaller Indian Creek that has been used in the past.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Michaels to authorize Fleis and Vandenbrink to proceed with the SRF amendment and NPDES permit revisions as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Gondre to hold the SRF Public Hearing on June 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Public Meeting on May 12th at the regular Village Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., and on June 23rd, 2008 there will be a SRF Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Manager Rambo will bring his recommendation for Police Chief to the May 12, 2008 council meeting. Steve DeWitt has been appointed Interim Police Chief.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Bennett to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Bennett, Gondre, Michaels, Scott.

Absent were: Harris, Lipke, Thomas

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Bennett seconded by Michaels to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda, as presented:

Minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting
Minutes of the April 28, 2008 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Lt. Steve Rains, Commander of the Lakeview State Police Post, was present to give a presentation on the Michigan State Police Response Statistics and their presence in Montcalm County.

Ryan Villet, was present to introduce himself as a candidate for 70th District State House of Representatives.

Motion by Bennett seconded by Gondre to accept Manager Rambo's recommendation and appoint Steven Dewitt as Police Chief as presented. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. will be the Public Hearing for the changes to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Fleis and Vandenbrink will give a presentation and answer any questions there may be on the project.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Gondre to pay bills totaling \$13785.97. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Bennett to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Scott, Thomas, Gondre, Harris, Bennett and Lipke. Absent was Michaels.

Motion by Bennett seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

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

Motion by Thomas seconded by Bennett to thank Girl Scout Troop 2990 for planting flowers near the depot. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to reserve the \$165,000.00 in the Washburn Street fund for an additional year. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council directed Manager Rambo to draft a letter of concern to the Pierson Township Board regarding the Sietsema Farm project in the Renaissance Zone.

Motion by Harris seconded by Bennett to pay the bills totaling, \$17525.49 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members and several citizens were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the June 9, 2008 Meeting
Minutes of the June 23, 2008 Meeting
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Treasurers Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

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

Ron Baker was present to speak on the following items:

Hazardous Waste Disposal for the County
Animal Control Performance
Discover Flier – Village Advertisement
EMS Millage – A .75 mileage is needed to improve the budget, due to rising fuel costs & the need to replace Rescue 29.

President Scott expressed his congratulations to Kim Alexander on her Clerk Certification. He announced at Kim's request, that she will be attending the Leadership Montcalm Program.

Motion by Harris seconded by Bennett to direct Village Manager to prepare and submit a police coverage proposal to Tri County High School.
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to set a public hearing for August 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to receive comment on the removal of the Water Tower.
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Bennett to pay bills as presented.
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Chris Cornelisse, Deputy Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Treasurer's Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Mrs. Louise Culver was present to ask questions about police coverage, number of officers on duty and what number to call if she needs police assistance.

President Scott thanked the following people for volunteering their time to take care of the many flowers planted in the village:

John and Sue Bogardus

Barb Canfield

Cheryl Scott

Motion by Bennett seconded by Harris to appoint Jennifer Webster to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott opened a public hearing for input on what should be done with the old water tower at the end of white street.

Manager Rambo reported that it would cost the village approximately \$10,000 to have the tower taken down and \$75,000 to refurbish it.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to direct the Village Manager to solicit bids for demolition of the old water tower. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Michaels to pay the bills totaling \$17,970.71 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Special Council Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Bennett, Gondre, Harris, Michaels, Scott, Thomas. Absent was: Lipke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Bennett to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott announced the filming of a movie in Howard City is to begin in the spring of 2009. More information will be available at a later date.

A Public Hearing for Latitudes proposed entertainment tent at the Harvest Festival was opened at 7:03 p.m. Amy Stuk of Arl Consulting, who will serve as security director and event coordinator, informed the Council of her plans for security, music, food, and general operation of the entertainment tent. The tent will hold approximately 150 people.

Many questions were raised regarding liability and insurance. Also the close proximity to the street dance which is attended by numerous teens.

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to close the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to approve the request from Latitudes Restaurant to have a temporary entertainment tent on September 20, 2008 in the public right-of-way North of 101 E. Edgerton Street with the following conditions:

1. 50% of the net revenue from tent sales in the entertainment tent shall be issued to the Village of Howard City Parks & Recreation Committee for the Ensley Park Project.
2. Latitudes shall implement the operational recommendations from the Montcalm Coalition for the Prevention of Underage Drinking.
3. Permitted hours of operation shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
4. Music shall be permitted from 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
5. Latitudes Restaurant shall hold the Village of Howard City harmless from all liability associated with the entertainment tent.
6. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain all necessary licenses from the Liquor Control Commission.
7. Latitudes Restaurant shall obtain all necessary insurance coverage for the event.
8. Latitudes Restaurant shall implement operational changes requested by the Howard City Police Department and/or Fire Department during the event.
9. The village will obtain verification from the attorney that the liability insurance and hold harmless agreement are valid.

10. All personnel working in the tent will be TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) trained.

Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Scott dissenting)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to authorize the Village Manager to sign the Department of Environmental Quality's Administrative Consent Order on behalf of the Village of Howard City. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Bennett, Thomas, Harris, Gondre, Lipke, Michaels.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

MOTION CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to authorize a fuel rate increase of \$.19 per month to the Green Valley Disposal contract. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to accept the water tower removal bid from Isler Demolition. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Bennett to pay the bills totaling \$21972.18. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander

Village of Howard City
Proposed Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Lipke, Michaels, Harris, Thomas, Gondre, Bennett and Scott.

A moment of silence for the memory of Bob and Norma Bean was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-1)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the August 11th and 25th Meetings

Minutes of the September 8, 2008 Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Mike Huckleberry was present to introduce himself as a candidate for the 70th District State Representative seat.

President Scott reported that he sent letter on behalf of the Council thanking the Harvest Festival Committee for their hard work and congratulating them on a superb festival.

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to accept the bid of \$10500.00 from Pittsburg Tank for removal of the old water tower. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Lipke Dissenting)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2008-4, supporting the mission of the Montcalm Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking. Bennett-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Gondre-aye, Michaels-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Harris to pay bills totaling \$11434.04 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Bennett to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All trustees were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Motion by Bennett seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented:

Minutes of the October 13, 2008 meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Commissioner Ron Baker was present and thanked everyone that supported him in his bid for re-election.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to authorize the Village Manager to sign the EDA/SRF Engineering Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Lipke to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the Alltel lease documents. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Harris to adopt the Water and Sewer Identity Theft Policy as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to hold a public hearing on December 8, 2008 at 7:05 p.m. to receive comment on a proposed outdoor wood burner ordinance. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to adopt Resolution #2008-5, to install a streetlight near the bus shelter. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2008-6, to install a streetlight in the public parking lot on Edgerton Street. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Bennett to pay the bills totaling \$19262.79 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2008

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Rambo will check the legality of printing names on the police report.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented:

Minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Eleanor Marek was present to ask why the village is plowing and salting the walking path at the park. President Scott explained that the path was done so residents have a safe place to walk year round.

President Scott opened the public hearing concerning outdoor wood burners at 7:10 p.m.

Public comment was held. Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to close the public hearing at 7:28 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

After much discussion by the board, Manager Rambo was directed to refer the outdoor wood burner issue to the Planning Commission for their input.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to authorize the Village Manager to sign the Charter Communications Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Bennett to pay bills totaling \$8552.09. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion CARRIED.(7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees and Manager Rambo were present.

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Commissioner Baker was present to introduce the county wide no smoking ordinance. It will be enforced by the Mid Michigan Health Department.

John Van Tholen was present from Green Valley Disposal to address any concerns about the trash service. There are some residents that have not signed up for service and Manager Rambo has sent letters requesting the change. He also presented Green Valley's Past Due Collection Policies.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$10,381.52. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, MacTavish, Gondre, Harris, Michaels and Thomas. Absent was Lipke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the January 8, 2007 Meeting
Municipal Services Report
Fire Report
Police Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

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

Motion by Michaels seconded by MacTavish to adopt the 2006-07 Amended Budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

There was discussion regarding the Reynolds Township Police Contract. The Township Board denied the full service Police Contract citing lack of funding during their February 1, 2007 board meeting. In response, the Council offered to reduce the police service levels to an amount that was affordable to the township. It was the consensus of the Council to not render services beyond what could be paid for by the Township. Manager Rambo presented a revised Police Contract that essentially covered emergency response only. Manager Rambo suggested that the contract be offered for a one-year trial basis.

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the Reynolds Township and Pierson Township Police and Fire Agreements as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to discontinue Police and/or Fire services to townships without signed service agreements as of March 1, 2007.

Manager Rambo noted that the Township Board meeting was on March 1, 2007 and the Village, as a courtesy, would extend coverage until March 2, 2007 to accommodate their meeting schedule.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to authorize the Village Clerk and Village President to sign the MDOT grant agreements for the White Pine Trail Improvements. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to pay the bills in the amount of \$6783.49 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the February 5, 2007 Meeting
Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by MacTavish to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Rambo presented the revised Police and Fire Agreements for Reynolds Township. Manager Rambo noted that the changes were based on a letter received from the Reynolds Township Board.

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to authorize the President and Clerk to sign the revised Reynolds Township Police and Fire Contracts. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to pay the bills totaling \$5,127.16. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Public Hearing for the 2007-2008 Budget was opened at 7:06 p.m. The budget was discussed as well as the language that was posted in the newspaper regarding the millage. Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to close the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to approve the 2007-2008 budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to adopt the General Appropriations Act Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Gondre-aye, Michaels-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Thomas-aye, MacTavish-aye, Scott-aye.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees and Manager Rambo were present. Clerk was absent due to training seminar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the February 19, 2007 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Public Comment was received from Louise Culver who stated that she supported a fast food establishment within the Village of Howard City.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Harris to establish a Master Plan Update Committee and appoint Trustee Michaels as the chair and Trustee Lipke as a member of the committee. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Rambo presented the Council with a proposed amendment to the Reynolds Township Police Agreement. The revision helped to clarify the language and intent of the agreement. The scope of the agreement was not changed.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to amend section 4B and 4C of the initiated 2007-2008 Reynolds Township Police Agreement as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to approve the fiscal year 2007-2008 Council Meeting dates as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$500 from the general fund for the Audio History Program.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Trustee Michaels notified the council of a *Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection* at the Montcalm County Road Commission in Stanton on Saturday April 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The service is open to all Montcalm County Residents.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Mark Rambo, Village Manager

Village of Howard City
Amended Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Lipke, MacTavish, Gondre, Michaels, Thomas. Absent was: Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Lipke to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of March 12, 2007 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

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

Commissioner Baker attended to present a Michigan Emergency Management Act Book to the Council from a meeting he attended for Public Act 390.

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to approve the 2007/2008 appointments as presented by President Scott. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Michigan Chair Site Plan. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to establish a Village of Howard City Motorcycle Night and Committee. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Michaels to appoint Doug Berends to serve as the Chairperson of the Motorcycle Committee. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Thomas to pay the bills totaling \$7531.69. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were: Scott, Harris, Michaels, Thomas, Gondre, and Lipke. Absent was: MacTavish

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to remove the minutes from the consent agenda.
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to approve the following items on the amended consent agenda:

Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to amend the April 9, 2007 Minutes to include Doug Berends to serve as the Chairperson "of the Motorcycle Committee".
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to add the Tri County High School to the agenda.
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Michaels to appoint Mark Bennett to the Planning Commission and to remove Tom Keech.
Motioned CARRIED. (6-0)

Alisa Schoenborn the Executive Director of RAVE (Relief After Violent Encounters) gave a presentation to the council regarding their services available to Montcalm County residents.

President Scott opened the public Hearing for Keller Ford Special Use at 7:15 pm. No comments were given. Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to close the meeting at 7:15.
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to accept the Planning Commission's Recommendations and Conditions and approve the special use permit for the Keller Ford Site plan with the additional Conditions:

1. Within 30 days of approval a Cross Access Agreement must be recorded and submitted to the village.
2. Within 30 days of approval a Storm Water Maintenance Agreement must be recorded and submitted to the village.
3. Within 30 days of approval a Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Agreement must be recorded and submitted to the village.

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to accept the Planning Commission's recommendations and conditions and approve the ACI Parts Plus site plan with the additional conditions:

1. Within 30 days of approval a Cross Access Agreement must be recorded and submitted to the village.
2. Within 30 days of approval a Storm Water Maintenance Agreement must be recorded and submitted to the village.
3. Within 30 days of approval a Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Agreement must be recorded and submitted to the village.

Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion made by Harris seconded by Gondre to adopt Resolution 2007-1.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Support: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Michaels, Thomas, Scott

Motion Carried. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to implement prescription plan change as presented to include a qualified reimbursement medical plan.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to pay bills as submitted.

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to support the Tri County High Schools Grant Application to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Chris Cornelisse, Deputy Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Kelly, and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Michaels to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering were present to continue their presentation from the work session regarding options for wastewater collection and treatment. They will give another presentation at the June 25, 2007 Special Council Meeting.

Pat Duff introduced himself and announced his bid for the Montcalm/Ionia County Circuit Court Judge position in 2008.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to allow the addition of Margaret Hill to the memorial. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Rambo thanked Randy Heckman for donating his time to brick around the village limit and parking signs, and Cheryl Scott for planting flowers in them.

Manager Rambo also thanked the Municipal Services Department and village employees for the extra effort in landscaping and planting flowers.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution 2007-2, adding Silver Birch to the street index. Motion CARRIED. Scott-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Thomas-aye, Gondre-aye, MacTavish-aye, Harris-aye.

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to adopt the qualified medical plan as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to amend the Employee Policy Manual as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Michaels to allow the one-year extension of the Washburn Street Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (5-2, Gondre and Lipke dissenting)

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to pay the bills totaling \$32285.84. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Rambo and many citizens were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Public Hearing for wastewater collection and treatment options was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Fleis and Vandenbrink gave a presentation on alternatives available to the village to improve wastewater collection and treatment. The current wastewater treatment plant is unable to treat and hold wastewater to meet the parameters required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The MDEQ is requiring the village to make improvements to the treatment facility.

Numerous citizens were present to voice their concerns about the potential rate increase that may be required in order to make the improvements.

Motion by Lipke seconded by MacTavish to close the public hearing at 8:53 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution 2007-3, adopting a final project plan for wastewater system improvements and designating an authorized project representative, Village Manager Mark Rambo. Roll Call Vote. Lipke-aye, Gondre-aye, Michaels-aye, Harris-aye, MacTavish-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-1)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Gondre, Michaels, Thomas, Harris, Lipke. Absent was MacTavish.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the June 25, 2007 Special Meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Ron Baker asked for stop sign enforcement rather than creating more stops in town after the council discussed replacing a yield sign with a stop sign at the corner of Emory Street and Locust Street during their work session.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to accept and file the performance evaluation of Mark Rambo. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to table Traffic Control order #29 until the August 13, 2007 meeting so Manager Rambo can gather more data. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council set a public hearing for August 13, 2007 at 7:10 p.m. to seek input on an engine brake ordinance.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to pay the bills totaling \$46973.70. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 8:05 a.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Rambo and several citizens were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the July 9, 2007 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Fire Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council thanked the Harvest Festival Queen Pageant Committee for their hard work in making the Queen Pageant a success.

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to approve Resolution 2007-4, a Resolution of Thanks to Pammie Bremmer. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, MacTavish-aye, Michaels-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to direct Manager Rambo to rewrite the driveway approach policy and present it at the September meeting. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Rambo to write a traffic control order that will change all yield signs in the village to stop signs.

A public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. to receive input on the proposed engine brake ordinance.

Pete Bitler was present to support the proposed ordinance.

Motion by Gondre seconded by MacTavish to close the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to adopt Ordinance 2007-1, prohibiting engine brakes. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, MacTavish-aye, Michaels-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to approve the Police Report and Municipal Services Department Report. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to pay the bills totaling \$27625.05. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Minutes
September 10, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Gondre, Michaels, Thomas, Harris, Lipke. Absent was MacTavish.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the August 13, 2007 meeting as presented.

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

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

The council thanked Director of Municipal Services, Mike VanWagner for donating his time to construct shelving for the upstairs storage area at the village office.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to support the development of an AYSO Soccer Complex at the Village's well house property. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Gondre dissenting)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to direct the Village Manager to work with the AYSO program to develop a more formalized plan for development. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Gondre dissenting)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to adopt the revised driveway policy and permit application as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to approve Traffic Control Order #29 as amended. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Lipke dissenting)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Gondre to pay bills totaling \$3996.23. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Rambo and many citizens were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the September 10, 2007 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

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

Mark Stevens spoke on behalf of several downtown business owners asking the Council to put a moratorium on funds earmarked for expenditure by the Downtown Development Authority until questions were addressed by the Village Council. The business owners were asked to attend the October 24, 2007 DDA meeting and express their concerns at that time.

President Scott reminded the Council of the Montcalm County Solid Waste Committee's Hazardous Waste collection that will be held on October 20, 2007 at the village office parking lot. He asked for volunteers to help direct people to the proper disposal areas.

The AYSO Soccer representatives were present to update their progress with the proposed soccer fields they would like to build on North Orton Street.

Jodi Cummings and Shelly Knox were present to voice their concerns with traffic, liability, loss of wildlife and buffer zones between the proposed soccer fields and their property.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to direct the Village Manager and Village Attorney to draft a development agreement between the Village and the AYSO Organization addressing the list of concerns as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Bennett seconded by Thomas to cancel the November 12, 2007 meeting and reschedule the meeting for October 29, 2007. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A Public Hearing was scheduled for October 29, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. to seek input on the proposed AYSO Soccer Complex on North Orton Street. Neighboring property owners will be notified and packets will be available to the public before the meeting.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to support an infrastructure grant application to the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to pay the bills totaling \$15343.37. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke that the Village Council of Howard City direct the Village Manager (Mark Rambo) to contact in writing the Chairman, President, CEO or other officer of the following fast food restaurant chains for the purpose of requesting them to consider Howard City, Michigan as their next site for a new restaurant: McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy's, KFC and Arby's. Pointing out that the closest location of a fast food restaurant is Cedar Springs, MI 14 miles to the south, Big Rapids MI 21 miles to the north, Newaygo, MI 18 miles to the West and Lakeview MI 14 miles to the East. Plus the results of a survey of the local citizens taken approximately one year ago revealed that a fast food restaurant is one of their top priorities. This to be accomplished by our November 2007 regular council meeting. A copy of all correspondence to be furnished to council members on a continuing basis.

Manager Rambo explained that he has been working with local developers to pursue a fast food restaurant. National food chains typically have their development department deal directly with the investor. It may be counter-productive to have the village contacting the CEO's directly. The Council supports the community survey results of bringing in more business, including fast food.

Motion FAILED due to lack of support.

Sue Rockwell suggested the Council look into ways to discount or help senior citizens pay their water and sewer bills.

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members, Manager Rambo and many people were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the October 8, 2007 meeting.
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott informed the Council that he signed a letter supporting Montcalm County joining the West Michigan Strategic Alliance. This is a regional organization that will better align the county for economic development opportunities.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to authorize the Clerk to pay necessary bills for operation and report paid bills at the December meeting. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to authorize the Municipal Services Director to sign the Montcalm County Area Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m. regarding the proposed AYSO Soccer Complex.

Brett and Jami Karhoff and Kathy Thompson gave a presentation about the AYSO, the times and approximate dates the fields would be in use and the economic advantages to the area that the fields would benefit.

There were numerous neighboring property owners present that proposed the following questions:

How to prevent vandalism?

Fencing- where it should go and how tall should it be?

Will there be night lighting?

Will the parking lot be paved or gravel?

Why the plan doesn't have to be submitted through the Planning Commission?

Why doesn't the Council respect the opinions of the 3 Department Heads that are against the plan?

Do the fields require a Special Land Use?
Who will be liable for injuries on private property?
How are they going to protect the well and test well on the property?
Is the speed on Orton Street too high?
Off-street parking?
Park hours and days of operation?
Who will be allowed to use the park?

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to close the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to hold a Public Hearing at the December 10, 2007 meeting at 7:15 p.m. for additional consideration of the development agreement and site plan. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The answers to the questions asked at the public hearing will be addressed in the development agreement, site plan or at the December 10, 2007 meeting. The documents will be available to the public a week in advance.

The Council will hold a work session at 6:00 p.m. on December 10, 2007 to discuss the development agreement and site plan.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Michaels to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2007

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Scott, Thomas, Michaels, Gondre, Lipke and Harris. Absent was Bennett.

The Pledge Allegiance was given.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Minutes of the October 29, 2007 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to approve the annual Green Valley Disposal rate adjustment as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to authorize the purchase of a Dodge Charger police car after checking with lower bidders for an earlier delivery date and acquiring an additional bid. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Gondre dissenting)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to pay the bills totaling \$5839.33. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Mrs. Louise Culver presented research she did on neighboring communities sewer and water hook up fees and expressed the need for hook up fees to be raised.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Lipke, Michaels, Peterman, Thomas, Harris. Absent was Gondre. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Rambo and Several Citizens were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of December 12, 2005 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Peterman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED.

A public hearing for input on the truck route was opened. Public comment was heard. Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Peterman dissenting)

A public hearing for input on the IFT District at 214 Washburn was opened at 7:15 p.m. After public comment a motion was made by Lipke seconded by Harris to close the hearing at 7:19 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2006-1, establishing an Industrial Development District for Wolverine World Wide. Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels- aye, Peterman-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye.

President Scott read correspondence from Chief Shayler thanking the community and the Council for their support of the Police Department. Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to accept and file Chief Shayler's letter. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Peterman to table Ordinance #2006-3 until the February 12, 2006 meeting. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Peterman to adopt Ordinance #2006-4, amending Ordinance #2005-9, suspending enforcement of the Truck Route until March 1, 2006. The Council declares this an emergency ordinance to take effect immediately upon its publication. Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels- aye, Peterman-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to authorize Manger Rambo to sign the Service Agreement for the Inflow and Infiltration Study. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to adopt Resolution 2006-2, a policy for providing public water and sanitary sewer service, as amended. Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to set a public hearing for the February 13, 2006 meeting at 7:15 p.m. to seek input on the 06/07 operating budget. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Peterman to authorize Manager Rambo to prepare and sign grant/loan documents with Rural Development and to solicit bids for a new chasis for the tanker and a Municipal Services plow truck. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Peterman to pay the bills totaling \$48289.92. Motion CARRIED.

Trustee Michaels suggested the Council look into outdoor wood burning stoves and whether the village should have any policies regarding their use.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Attorney Scott and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Peterman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to take Truck Route Ordinance 2006-3 off the table. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adopt Ordinance #2006-3, amending section 163.05 of the Village Code, creating a truck route. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-nay, Michaels-aye, Peterman-nay, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (5-2)

A Public Hearing on the 2006-2007 Budget was opened at 7:15 p.m. With no comments from the public, motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to close the hearing at 7:17 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to adopt Resolution 2006-3, General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2006/2007. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to authorize Manager Rambo to apply for the GGRAC mini grant. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to authorize Manager Rambo to establish a contract with All-In-One-Wireless for Internet services downtown. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Peterman to adopt Resolution 2006-4, authorizing the use of a computerized database as the tax roll. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to authorize Manager Rambo to submit the MDEQ SRF Grant in March. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Peterman to accept Fleis and Vandenbrink's proposal to complete the WWTP grant and loan application, not to exceed \$24,000. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Thomas to pay the bills totaling \$23554.64. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Peterman, Thomas, Harris, Michaels, and Gondre. Absent was: Lipke. Attorney Slugget, Manager Rambo and many citizens were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Peterman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Thomas to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED.

The Council thanked Grace Community Church, Nathan Balivian, Jacqueline Ducat, and Brittney Cole for volunteering at the Municipal Building.

Dave Heyboer, Chairman of the White Pine Trail, presented the Village Council with a check for \$10,000 from the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition to assist with the paving a portion of the White Pine Trail through the village.

Motion by Harris seconded by Peterman to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for Robinson Septic. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Gondre dissenting.)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2006-5, a resolution to alter the boundaries of the village. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Thomas-aye, Lipke-absent. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to authorize the Village President and Clerk to sign the Pierson Township Fire Agreement. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to authorize the Village President and Clerk to sign the Reynolds Township Fire Agreement. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Thomas to authorize the Village President and Clerk to sign the Reynolds Township Police Agreement. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Peterman to authorize the Village President and Clerk to sign the Indian Lakes/Winfield Township Police Agreement. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Harris to authorize the Village Manager to sign the All In One Wireless Agreement as amended. Motion CARRIED.

Public Comment was taken in regard to the Municipal Trash Service.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Harris to set a Municipal Trash Service public hearing on April 10, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$7873.11. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Kim Alexander
Village Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Scott, Gondre, Lipke, Michaels, Harris. Absent: Thomas, Peterman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Lipke to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED.

Move to nominate Kim Alexander as Clerk by Scott seconded by Harris. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to approve the 2006/2007 appointments as presented. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to support the Montcalm Area 5 Year Economic Development Plan. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to proclaim April 28, 2006 as Arbor Day within the Village of Howard City. Gondre-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Harris-aye, Scott-aye.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to award the dump truck bid to Wieland International and Truck & Trailer. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Lipke to award the fire tanker bid to Duthler Truck Center. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris supported by Lipke to approve USDA Loan Resolution #2006-6. Gondre-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Harris-aye, Scott-aye.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to approve USDA Loan Resolution #2006-7. Gondre-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Harris-aye, Scott-aye

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to pay the bills in the amount of \$11803.47 as presented. Motion CARRIED.

President Scott opened a public hearing to receive input on unifying the municipal trash service.

Public comment was taken and Manager Rambo answered questions about the service.

Motion by Harris supported by Lipke to close the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

The Council directed Manager Rambo to prepare a Municipal Trash Ordinance for consideration at the May 8, 2006 council meeting.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Michaels to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of April 10, 2006 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED.

President Scott thanked the following personnel for taking the time to participate in the Community Expo:

Bill Cornelisse
Terry Toth
Scott Christensen
Dan Boehm
Keith Grannis
Randy Heckman
Charles Shayler
Steve DeWitt
Mark Rambo

Correspondence from Trustee Peterman was read. Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to accept and file Trustee Peterman's resignation and declare his seat open at the close of business May 8, 2006. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to hold a final public hearing on June 12, 2006 to seek greater input on the municipal trash issue. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Michaels dissenting)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to authorize the Village Manager and Village Clerk to execute contracts with the Montcalm County Road Commission and Reynolds Township to pave Sycamore Street with the money to come from the appropriate street accounts. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Thomas to remove section 4.12 from the Employee Policy Manual and return accumulated contributions to eligible employees. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling, \$11942.05. Motion CARRIED.

President Scott and the Council thanked Trustee Peterman for his contribution to the council over the years.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Lipke, Harris and Gondre. Absent were: Michaels and Thomas. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Rambo and many citizens were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to approve the appointment of Bruce MacTavish to fill the vacancy on the Council until the next election. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

The Council welcomed Mike Cardosa as the new police officer for the village.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Harmony Hollow Preliminary PUD. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by MacTavish to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Robinson Septic Site Condo with the condition that all conditions in the revised 3/10/06 site plan be met. Motion CARRIED. (3-2, Lipke, Harris dissenting)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and deny the Industrial rezoning request for 485 N. Muenschler. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A public hearing for input on the unified municipal trash service was opened at 7:15 p.m. Public comment was taken.

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to close the public hearing at 7:39 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to institute a Municipal Trash Service and authorize the Village Manager to prepare an accompanying ordinance and contract. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to support the installation of a bus shelter in the downtown area and accept the MDOT grant funding. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Lipke to authorize the Village Manager to sign MDOT grant paperwork for the proposed bus shelter. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to approve resolution 2006-8, a resolution for charitable gaming licenses. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to approve resolution 2006-9, appointing the Village Clerk as the coordinator for the MERS defined contribution program. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to pay the bills totaling \$17784.79. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Minutes of the June 12, 2006 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Laura Merlington from the Howard City Student Ball Association was present to request free use of the concession stand at the Emory Street ball fields.

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to allow all non profit agencies free use of the Emory Street ball field concession stand subject to the general finding of the village council that it is in the best interest of the community because of positive economic benefit and recreational opportunities for area children. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Commission Ron Baker was present to announce his re-election bid for District 6 Commissioner for Montcalm County. He also announced that Montcalm County has a transportation survey (County-wide transportation) for residents to answer that are available at the Village Office.

Charles W. Simon, III was present to announce his candidacy for Montcalm County Probate Judge.

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to receive and file Lynda Slaven's resignation from the DDA. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to approve the addition of Mary E. Flayer to the memorial. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott called a special council meeting for July 24, 7:00 p.m. There will be a public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to seek input on the Municipal Trash Ordinance.

President Scott thanked Cid Corl for his contribution to the success of town wide yard sales.

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the final Harmony Hollow PUD with conditions. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the tentative preliminary plat of Briarwood contingent that within 5 days of preliminary plat approval the Washburn Street Agreement is signed and submitted to the village and the improvements are built to village specifications prior to final plat approval. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Municipal Trash Service Ordinance was reviewed and amended for final approval at the July 24, 2006 special meeting.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to adopt Resolution #2006-10, a resolution authorizing the S2 Grant Agreement. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, MacTavish-aye, Michaels-aye, Thomas-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to pay bills totaling \$11480.15. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Michaels, Thomas. Absent was: MacTavish.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of July 10, 2006 meeting

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to appoint Ken Thomas II to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre seconded by Thomas to appoint Doug Berends to fill the vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A public hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. to discuss the Municipal Trash Ordinance.

The Council and Attorney Sluggett discussed potential changes and public input was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to close the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to adopt Ordinance #2006-5, as amended, subject to review by the council at the August 14, 2006 meeting. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Ordinance will be posted on July 31, 2006 and be effective August 20, 2006. The official change over date after the grace period will be no later than December 1, 2006.

Motion by Lipke seconded by Michaels to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Laurie Kelly and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the July 24, 2006 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

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

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the Tentative Final Plat of Phase I of Briarwood contingent upon the conditions of Fleis and Vandenbrinks letter being addressed, the Washburn Street Agreement must be signed and submitted within 10 days of this approval and adequate drainage, as accepted by the village engineer, be provided on the North side of Washburn Street. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to adopt Municipal Trash Ordinance Amendment #2006-7. Roll Call: Scott- aye, Thomas- aye, Michaels- aye, MacTavish- aye, Harris- aye, Gondre- aye, Lipke- aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to adopt Resolution 2006-13, a resolution to grant a franchise to residential waste collector. Roll Call: Scott- aye, Thomas- aye, Michaels- aye, MacTavish- aye, Harris- aye, Gondre- aye, Lipke- aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by MacTavish to approve the Trash Agreement with Green Valley Disposal Service, Inc as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the Trash Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to transfer \$3036 from the General Fund to the Local Raised Streets Fund. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to adopt Resolution #2006-12, a resolution authorizing a Mid Decade Census. Roll Call: Scott- aye, Thomas- aye, Michaels- aye, MacTavish- aye, Harris- aye, Gondre- aye, Lipke- aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to adopt Ordinance #2006-6, an ordinance regarding council pay and benefits. Roll Call: Scott- aye, Thomas- aye, Michaels- aye, MacTavish- aye, Harris- aye, Gondre- aye, Lipke- aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to add Blue Cross Blue Shield Vision Plan at the employees' expense. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to proclaim September 10th-16th as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Week in Howard City. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott thanked Clerk Alexander and Manager Rambo on behalf of the Harvest Festival Committee for their extra work in assisting them with preparations for the festival.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$20525.53. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Michaels, Harris, Thomas, Gondre, MacTavish. Absent was: Lipke.

A moment of silence was given to honor the victims and heroes of the 9/11 tragedies on its 5-year anniversary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Michaels seconded by MacTavish to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of August 14, 2006 meeting

Municipal Services Report

Fire Report

Police Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council thanked Paula Hagstrom and the Harvest Festival Committee for the fantastic job done with the queen pageant.

The Council thanked Cid Corl for donating his time and talent to fix the roof of the depot.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to adopt Ordinance #2006-8, amending section 128.002, regarding cross connections. Scott- aye, Michaels- aye, Harris- aye, Thomas- aye, Gondre- aye, MacTavish- aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Michaels to approve the Cross Connection Control Plan as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Rambo announced that bids for the staging area came in 46% higher than the engineering estimate.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to reject all bids for the staging area and re-bid the project for the 2007 construction season. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Rambo is obtaining information on pricing for ordinance codification.

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to take bids for curbside clean up in the spring. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by MacTavish to eliminate fall clean up. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The first pick up day for Green Valley Disposal went very well, with no complaints.

Green Valley Disposal will bring in insurance policy for review. Manager Rambo is checking on the environmental insurance required by our franchise agreement.

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to amend the council meeting schedule as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The November council meeting will be on the 6th and the February council meetings will be on the 5th and 19th.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Michaels to pay bills totaling \$8107.22. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to direct Manager Rambo to research the benefits of becoming a City rather than a Village. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, MacTavish, Michaels, Thomas, Scott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of September 11, 2006 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Andrea Krause was present to give her credentials and ideas as candidate for Probate Court Judge.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to adopt Traffic Control order #27, creating a four-way stop at the Washburn and Sycamore intersection. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, MacTavish-aye, Michaels-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye.

Motion by Harris seconded by MacTavish to adopt Resolution #2006-14, a resolution supporting a countywide public transportation system. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, MacTavish-aye, Michaels-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Rambo presented Municode's proposal for ordinance codification. No action was taken.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to pay the bills totaling \$15256.54. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Rambo were present.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Lipke to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the October 9, 2006 meeting

Municipal Services Report

Fire Report

Police Report

Treasurer's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Harris to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Michaels to approve Resolution # 2006-16, Resolution of Intent to close an alley. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, MacTavish-aye, Michaels-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, Thomas abstaining)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Family Dollar site plan with conditions. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Gondre to amend the 2006/2007 Budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to amend section 4.4 of the Employee Policy Manual as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by MacTavish to approve Resolution #2006-15 as presented. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Thomas-aye, Michaels-aye, Scott-aye Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels seconded by Gondre to adopt Ordinance #2006-9 as presented. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Thomas-aye, Michaels-aye, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, MacTavish abstaining)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$25068.66, as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2006

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Michaels, Thomas, Scott. Absent were: MacTavish

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Gondre seconded by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of November 6, 2006 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris seconded by Lipke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (6-0).

President Scott asked if there was anyone that needed to come before the Council.

VFW representatives Dennis Stewart and Dave Parsons were present to inquire about the zoning violation created by the flashing sign at the VFW. Council directed VFW to consult with Manager Rambo.

Motion by Michaels seconded by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$5,349.69. Motion Carried (6-0)

Motion by Lipke seconded by Thomas to open a public hearing for the proposed alley closing located in Block 53. Motion carried. (6-0) Public hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m.

Public comment was offered. No comment was given.

Motion by Harris seconded by Thomas to close public hearing for the proposed alley closing located in Block 53. Motion carried. (6-0) Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Motion by Harris seconded by Gondre to adopt Resolution #2006-17, a resolution to close the alley located in Block 53. Roll Call. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Thomas-abstain, Scott-aye. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Thomas seconded by Lipke to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Mark Rambo
Village Manager

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Peterman, Poprawski, Harris, Thomas. Absent were: Gondre and Grannis. Attorney Sluggett, Chief Heckman, Chief Shayler, Director VanWagner and numerous citizens were also present.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the December 20, 2004 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Harris to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Public Inquiry was held and road conditions and the canceling of the December 27, 2004 meeting were discussed.

Attorney Sluggett reported on the Cypress Street property. The Council directed him to send a letter asking for an inspection and to allow for photographs by village officials to document progress no later than January 20, 2005

President Scott reported that the land swap with the Reynolds Township Library was completed today.

A contract with All-In-One Wireless was tabled until the next meeting to allow for more information to be collected.

Interim Manager Berchtold gave a report on the progress of the DDA's Blueprints for Downtown grant.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to authorize President Scott to sign a contract with Fleis & Vandenbrink to do a water and sewer rate study with a cost not to exceed \$3000. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Manager Berchtold gave a report on his conversations with the Council and Department Heads.

President Scott will have a list of committees assembled for the next meeting.

Director VanWagner will have the calendar of events for this year at the next meeting.

Trustee Harris will take charge and recruit volunteers to help elderly and handicapped citizens with spring and fall clean up. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers and people who need help in the Village Office.

Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED.
(5-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Poprawski, Thomas, Peterman and Harris. Absent were: Gondre and Grannis. Chief Shayler, Chief Heckman, Director VanWagner and Interim Manager Berchtold were also present.

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Harris to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Interim Manager Berchtold updated the Council on the DDA's Blueprints for Downtown Grant.

Discussion was held whether to search for a full-time or part-time Village Manager. Interim Manager Berchtold suggested that the Council search for a full-time Manager if they aggressively plan on pursuing grants for infrastructure improvements. The Employee Relations Committee will meet and have a sample advertisement for the next meeting.

The Council directed President Scott to present a contract to All-In-One Wireless in the amount of \$450.00 per month. That would also include providing internet services to the Village with a value of \$100.00 per month.

Motion by Harris supported by Poprawski to pay the attendees of fire training school at this time \$500.00 over a span of three years. \$150.00 at the end of year one. \$150.00 at the end of year two and \$200.00 at the end of year three. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Thomas to approve the amended list of Appointments for 2004/2005. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Thomas to pay the bills in the amount of \$50273.55. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to go into executive session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act to discuss a legal opinion provided by Attorney Sluggett. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Council returned from executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Harris to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted, Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Grannis, Harris, Peterman and Poprawski. Absent were: Gondre and Thomas. Chief Shayler and Director VanWagner were also present.

Motion by Grannis supported by Peterman to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Grannis to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Council congratulated Interim Manager Berchtold on his new position as Montcalm County Controller.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to amend the 2004/2005 budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The schedule of Council meetings was changed for April. There will be no meeting on April 11th or 25th. There will be only one meeting on April 18th.

A public hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the 2005/2006 budget. With no public inquiry a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to close the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the 2005/2006 budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Peterman to approve the General Appropriations Act Resolution for Fiscal Year 2005/2006. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Trustee Grannis inquired as to whether the Village can advertise business names on the public access cable channel. President Scott will bring information to the next meeting after he speaks with Attorney Sluggett.

Motion by Grannis supported by Poprawski to go into executive session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act to discuss a legal opinion. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Council returned from executive session at 7:56 p.m.

The Village Manager's duties, number of reviews, term of contract and the residency requirement will be discussed at the March 14th work session.

Interim Manager Berchtold will bring a property maintenance code to the next meeting for the Council to consider for adoption.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All trustees were present with the exception of Gondre.

Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda as presented:

Minutes of the February 28, 2005 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Thomas to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Peterman to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Leppink's Site Plan as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Poprawski to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the amendment to Brian Hamersma's Site Plan as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Fleis and Vandenbrink gave a presentation of the water and sewer rate study they performed.

The Council directed the Clerk, Attorney and Engineers to draft an ordinance amendment to increase water and sewer rates over a five-year period.

President Scott announced that the Village has been awarded the Trail Head Grant from the MDOT to construct a staging area on Cass Street for the White Pine Trail.

Chief Shayler voiced concerns over the noise and disruption of a staging area in a residential neighborhood. The Council will put time restrictions on the use of the park.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Thomas to accept the Trail Head Grant from the MDOT for a staging area for the White Pine Trail. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott announced that because of USDA regulations, the Municipal Services Department would no longer pick up stray cats for residents. The cages will be available to the public but they must be brought back empty.

President Scott gave a timeline for the Village Manager job interviews. The deadline for resumes is March 22, 2005. At the March 28 Council Meeting the field of candidates will be narrowed from six to three. They Council will hold a special meeting on April 5 at 6:00 p.m. to interview the top three candidates. A decision on filling the position will be made at the April 18, 2005 Council Meeting.

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to pay the bills totaling \$15385.07. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council directed President Scott to send the lease agreement for the water tower to All-In-One wireless.

The Fire Chief's pay will be discussed at the March 28, 2005 meeting.

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to go into executive session to discuss a written legal opinion. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Thomas supported by Poprawski to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present except Gondre. Attorney Sluggett, Interim Manager Berchtold, Director VanWagner, Chief Heckman and numerous citizens were also present.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Chief Heckman reported on the activities of the Fire Department.

Randy Heckman read a letter to the Council regarding a police issue. The matter will be brought to the Employee Relations Committee and a report will be given to the Council.

Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-1, an ordinance to amend Chapter 117, of the Village Code, entitled, "Sewer Rates and Charges." Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to adopt Ordinance No. 2005-2, an ordinance to amend chapter 121, section 8 of the Village Code, entitled, "Water Rates and Charges." Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Poprawski to award a bid for water tower cleaning to Scrub A Home for \$2400 upon presentation of an acceptable contract and a proof of insurance. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Harris to increase the Fire Chief's pay to \$5720.00 per year. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to authorize President Scott to sign a three year contract with Hydrodesigns for cross connection inspections and enforcement at the cost of \$6240. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Harris to authorize Main Tech Services, because of their familiarity with our lift stations, to repair the valves in the park lift station at a cost of \$2500. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Street Committee will look at the snow removal problems on Edgerton Street and report back to the Council.

President Scott reminded everyone that there will be a special Council Meeting on April 5, 2005 to interview Village Manager candidates, and the regular scheduled April 18th Council Meeting. The April 11, 2005 meeting is cancelled but there will be a meeting at Getting' Picky at 7:00 to hear the presentation of Hyett Palma on the results from Blueprints for Downtown Grant study.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to enter into executive session pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act at 8:45 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to invite the three finalists for the Village Manager position to be interviewed at the April 5, 2005 Special Council Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

There will be a Council Work Session on April 5, 2005 at 5:45 p.m.

Motion by Thomas supported by Poprawski to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Poprawski, Peterman, Grannis, Harris and Thomas. Absent was: Gondre. Attorney Sluggett and Interim Manager Berchtold were also present.

Motion by Harris supported by Peterman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Darcy Long was interviewed for the Village Manager position at 6:00 p.m.

President Scott informed the Council that we are taking in 80,000 extra gallons per day at the wastewater treatment plant. The Municipal Services Department will begin to inspect and notify those residences that may be pumping excess water into the sewer.

Mark Rambo was interviewed by the Council at 7:00 p.m.

President Scott informed the Council that the ammonias at the wastewater treatment plant are up and it is getting close to discharge time. The Municipal Services Department will be renting pumps for aeration.

The Council directed President Scott to lower the price on the village-owned house to \$42,000.

Edward Coy was interviewed by the Council at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to authorize Attorney Sluggett and Interim Manager Berchtold to perform the necessary background and reference checks on any of the three applicants. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

There will be a special Council meeting on April 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the applicants for Village Manager and make an offer of employment.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees and Interim Manger Berchtold were present.

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Mark Rambo was present for a follow-up interview for the Village Manager position.

Motion by Harris supported by Grannis to offer Mark Rambo the position of Village Manager with a 3-year renewable for 2 years contract, the starting wage of \$42,000 per year with an adjustment after 6 months with a favorable review. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council will participate in a training session on April 27, 2005 at 7:00, in Stanton.

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to support the Downtown Blueprint report as presented by Hyett Palma. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Poprawski, Peterman, Grannis, Thomas and Gondre. Absent was: Harris. Interim Manager Berchtold and Attorney Sluggett were also present.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the April 12, 2005 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council directed President Scott to leave the contract presented to All-In-One Wireless as written.

Discussion was held regarding the contract offered to Mark Rambo for the Village Manager position.

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to authorize President Scott and Attorney Sluggett to present the amended contract to Mr. Rambo. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott announced the dates for this summer's Music in the Park series. The dates are July 17th, 19th and 26th, and August 2nd and 9th.

The village will participate in the Panhandle Chamber's business expo on April 29th.

The Council cancelled the planned work session on April 27th.

The Municipal Services Department will look into a solution to the broken concrete and access to the flowing well at Minnie Farmer Park.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to pay the bills totaling \$17026.39. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council discussed how to move forward with the Blueprints for Downtown information received from Hyett Palma. The Downtown Development Authority will take the lead in putting the plan into action.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion CARRIED.
(6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were: Scott, Peterman, Gondre, Grannis, Poprawski and Thomas. Absent was: Harris.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Thomas to amend the proposed contract with Mark Rambo to add one more week of vacation time to total three weeks. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Peterman dissenting)

The Council set a training session for May 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Stanton.

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2005

Present Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees and Interim Manager Berchtold were present.

Motion by Peterman supported by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the April 21, 2005 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Fire Report

Police Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Christian Kindel was present to ask the Council to amend the tree ordinance and designate the downtown a historic district.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to amend Sections 124.008-124.011 of the tree ordinance. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Vern Crater was present to ask for assistance with the sewer that is available to his property on Vine Street. The council did not offer financial support in keeping with previous policies. Assistance will be given to Mr. Crater finding the sewer line, determining it's depth and ability to serve his property.

Chief Heckman reported that three firefighters have successfully completed the Firefighter One class and have joined the Department. He also thanked Ice Mountain and Leppinks for their donation of water to the fire department.

The Council directed President Scott to contact the attorney for All-In-One Wireless to let him know there will be no further negotiations involving his antenna on the water tower. The final offer is 10% of total revenue generated from using the water tower antenna or he is to remove it.

The Council authorized President Scott to begin the process of creating a Special Assessment District on West Washburn Street for the water and sewer extension. The developer will incur the entire cost of the project and pay the assessments as he sells the homes.

The need for improving West Washburn was discussed. Brian Hamersma has offered \$40,000 to assist in the improvements. Discussion was held regarding possibly bonding to pay for the improvements.

President Scott reported that he has requested funds from the Solid Waste Committee and expects to hear back by June 1st. The \$131,000 is the final amount needed to begin resurfacing Ensley Street from village limit to village limit.

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to amend the Water Supply Cross Connection Ordinance as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adopt the Cross Connection Control Plan. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

There will be an Employee Relations Meeting on June 18, 2005 in Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to pay the bills totaling \$13145.39, as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Poprawski to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Attorney Sluggett, Manager Rambo and many citizens were present.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Grannis to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Chief Shayler and Officer DeWitt presented Citizenship Awards to Dylan Hansma, Jahred Delp and Justin Delp for returning a wallet they found in the road.

The Reynolds Township Library Fundraising Committee was present to invite the Council to the Library's Opening Ceremony on June 20, 2005.

President Scott reported that he would attend a meeting with the Solid Waste Committee to give them information on the Ensley Street resurfacing project on Wednesday.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Gondre to adopt Ordinance # 2005-5 as amended. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Harris to adopt Resolution #2005-1, adding Mark Rambo as a signatory to the village's checking accounts. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Harris to adopt Resolution # 2005-2, allowing Manager Rambo assemble and prepare costs and specifications of the potential special assessment district on West Washburn Street. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Grannis to accept the offer of \$39000 for the village owned house on White Street, contingent upon the buyer obtaining financing within 10 days of signing the offer. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott will advertise for the two upcoming vacancies on the Council in the newspaper and on the PEG channel.

The Council will have a work session on June 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a vision/mission statement.

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Rambo were present.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the May 23, 2005 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Code Enforcement RFP

Community Events Calendar

Council Goals & Vision Statement

Addition of Maywood Waldo Jr. to memorial

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Gondre to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Commissioner Baker asked the Council to consider contracting with one company for garbage removal.

Peter Bitler inquired about a zoning violation on Pine Street. Manager Rambo will look into the problem.

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to approve the Hiring and Recruitment Policy as revised by Attorney Sluggett. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Grannis to approve the Police Car Policy as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Peterman to approve the Sidewalk Policy as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to amend Chapter 4.2, Section C of the Employee Policy Manual. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Rambo to have Free Public Parking signs installed downtown.

Manager Rambo announced that www.howardcity.org is up and available for use on the internet.

The Council authorized Manager Rambo to investigate the cost of adding water valves to strategic areas in the village.

The Council directed Manager Rambo to get quotes for replacing the window air conditioner with a wall-mounted unit in the village office.

Manager Rambo reported that the zoning violation on Cypress Street is 85% cleaned up.

Amendments to the Reynolds Township Police and Fire Contracts were discussed.

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to pay the bills totaling \$23402.15. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Peterman, Poprawski, Gondre, Harris, and Thomas. Absent was Grannis.

Motion by Harris supported by Poprawski to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the June 13, 2005 Meeting

Vision Worksheets

Audit Letter

Manager's Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Thomas to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre supported by Harris to adopt Resolution #2005-3, a Resolution for the National Incident Management System adoption. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Peterman to adopt Resolution #2005-4, a Resolution for ACH Electronic Transfers. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Harris to approve the Exchange Policy with MDOT as written. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Poprawski to approve contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the transfer of Federal Aid funds from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) in exchange for State Trunkline Funds at a rate of seventy-five (75) cents in state funds to one dollar in federal funds allocated to the Village of Howard City to provide more flexibility of funding dollars for the road system in Howard City and to authorize the Village Manager to sign the contract. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to amend Ordinance #2005-2 to include 1 ½" and 2" outside the Village users. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to amend Ordinance #2005-1 to include 1 ½" and 2" outside the Village users. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to approve the Pool Filling Policy as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Poprawski dissenting)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to authorize the bidding of the Ensley Street Project if funds become available. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council thanked Powell's Septic and Land Development and Holbrook's Paving for their donation of materials and labor in constructing the handicap access in Ensley Park.

The Council also thanked Cid Corl for planning and organizing Townwide Yard Sales.

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Rambo were present.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the following items on the consent agenda as amended:

Minutes of June 27, 2005 meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Manager's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Keith Grannis was present to ask for a solution with a water quality issue on Emory Street. Manager Rambo will investigate possible solutions.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Gondre to adopt the Fire Service Rate Resolution as presented. Roll Call. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Harris to authorize Manager Rambo and Chief Heckman to sign the Montcalm County Mutual Fire Assistance Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adopt the Washburn Street Public Hearing for Special Assessment Resolution as presented. Roll Call. Motion FAILED. (4-3, Poprawski, Grannis, Gondre and Peterman dissenting.)

President Scott announced that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioner's approved the recommendation of the Solid Waste Committee and authorized distribution of Solid Waste Funds in the amount of \$145,000 for the Ensley Street project. This completes the necessary funding and the project is slated to be completed this fall.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adopt the Bulk Water Rate Resolution as presented. Roll Call. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Poprawski to appoint Frank Zamarripa of Lattitudes Bistro to the DDA. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to accept the proposal and authorize Manager Rambo to sign a one -year contract with Imperial Municipal Services for code enforcement. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Gondre to authorize the Village Attorney to prepare an amendment to Ordinance No. 2001-5, updating our requirements to the 2003 BOCA National Property Maintenance Code. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to authorize and expenditure of \$1800 from the general fund to purchase new bulletproof vests for the Police Department. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Peterman to authorize and expenditure of \$21570.60 from the general fund to purchase a new police car with the sale of the two spare vehicles upon delivery of the new car. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to accept the Commworld proposal to install a new phone system at Village Hall and authorize the manager to sign the proposal. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to pay bills in the amount of \$10580.94. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Grannis to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Thomas supported by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of July 11, 2005 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Manager's Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Grannis to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

County Commissioner Baker was present to ask that Manager Rambo complete the comprehensive plan questionnaire sent out by the county and return it as soon as possible. He also presented the Village with a copy of the Montcalm County Ordinance Book. They are on sale at the County Clerk's Office for \$25.00.

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to approve the bid from Powell's for \$6300.00 to extend the water main along Emory Street. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, Grannis abstained)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the Village Manager to sign contracts for the construction of the White Pine Trail Staging Area. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Peterman to approve an expenditure of \$27,283.40 (½ from the DDA and ½ from the General Fund) to cover the 20% match required by the State of Michigan to construct the White Pine Trail Staging Area. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Grannis to adopt the Zoning Fees Resolution as presented. Motion CARRIED. (Roll Call Vote. 6-1, Poprawski dissenting)

Motion by Grannis supported by Gondre to approve an expenditure of up to \$2500 from the General Fund to install an AC unit in the front offices. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Peterman dissenting)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adopt a Resolution to apply for a Transportation Enhancement Grant. Motion CARRIED. (Roll Call Vote. 7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Grannis to authorize Manager Rambo to sign all closing papers associated with the sale of the village-owned house at 322 White Street. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Minutes of July 22, 2005 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Louise Culver inquired about a tree in the right-of-way being removed near her property. Manager Rambo will look into it.

President Scott read a letter of resignation from Jerry Poprawski. He is resigning effective August 9, 2005 due to his moving outside of the village limits.

Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to accept Trustee Poprawski's resignation effective August 9, 2005. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott thanked Jerry for loyally serving the community for many years.

Chief Heckman thanked Jerry for his support of the Fire Department over the years.

Manager Rambo presented a letter from Joanne Averill in regard to passing an ordinance to require business to have two employees on the night shift. The Council took no action in the matter.

Motion by Grannis supported by Poprawski to appoint Robert Lipke to fill the vacancy on the Council. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Gondre to expend \$1700 from the general fund for the purchase of two (2) wood Public Parking signs and ten (10) directional signs to meet the year 1 implementation plan from the blueprints study. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Harris dissenting)

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to request that the DDA fund half of the cost of the signs. Grannis withdrew the motion.

The Council directed Manager Rambo to ask the DDA to pay the full amount of the cost of the signs.

Motion by Harris supported by Gondre to approve the Special Use Permit and conditions for 433 Ensley Street as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Poprawski to pay bills totaling \$20588.74. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Grannis to adjourn at 7: 38 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All Trustees were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Grannis supported by Peterman to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2005 meeting on the consent agenda. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Discussion was held on the Ensley Street project.

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to authorize the Village Manager to initiate bond proceedings of \$250,000, if necessary, to proceed with the Ensley Street project. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, Lipke abstained)

Motion by Grannis supported by Gondre to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Scott, Thomas, Harris, Peterman, Gondre and Peterman. Absent: Grannis

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2005 Special Meeting on the Consent Agenda. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre supported by Harris to appoint Ken Thomas as President Pro-Tem. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre supported by Lipke to authorize the Village President to sign an Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adopt Ordinance# 2005-7, changing the size and structure of the Planning Commission. Roll Call. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A public hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m. for input on the published Vision Statement. There was no public input. Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Lipke to pay membership dues to the Montcalm Alliance. Motion CARRIED. (5-1 Peterman dissenting)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adopt the Private Sales on Public Property Policy as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Lipke to adopt the Vision Statement as established. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Peterman and Scott. Absent were: Grannis and Thomas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Minutes of the August 22, 2005 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Peterman to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Mrs. Louise Culver was present to inform the Council that she had the apple tree in the right of way cut down and removed.

Mr. Peter Bitler was present to ask about the inoperable vehicle in his neighbor's yard. Manager Rambo noted the police had investigated the vehicle from his previous complaint and it did have insurance and valid plates. Mr. Bitler noted there were many other inoperable vehicles in the neighborhood. Mr. Bitler was told to file a formal complaint with Manager Rambo, giving addresses, and it would be taken care of.

Motion by Peterman supported by Lipke to amend the council meeting schedule and hold only the following meetings for this calendar year: September 26, 2005, October 10, 2005, November 7, 2005 and December 12, 2005. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Peterman to adopt the Ensley Street Resurfacing and Overlay plan presented by Fleis & Vandenbrink. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Gondre to adopt Resolution No. 2005-9, to authorize issuance of 2005 Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds. Gondre, aye; Harris, aye; Lipke, aye; Peterman, aye; Scott, aye. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Lipke supported by Harris to authorize the Village Attorney and Village Manager to prepare a Washburn Street agreement. Motion CARRIED. (4-1, Peterman dissenting)

Motion by Lipke supported by Peterman to postpone the Ensley Park policy change until the September 26, 2005 meeting. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Peterman to pay bills in the amount of \$39964.78 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Manager Rambo was directed to post the letter he wrote to Jim Brown of Seitsema Farms on the village's website. (www.howardcity.org) A full copy of the letter is also available at the Village Office.

Motion by Harris supported by Gondre to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Gondre, Harris, Lipke, Peterman, Scott, Thomas. Absent: Grannis.

Motion by Harris supported by Peterman to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2005 on the Consent Agenda. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott called for Public Comment regarding current issues and none was given.

Motion by Thomas supported by Lipke to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott read a letter from Chairperson Cheryl Scott, thanking the Council for their support of the Harvest Festival.

President Scott also read a letter from Trustee Grannis announcing her resignation due to moving out of the village. President Scott thanked Terri for her years of service on the Council.

Motion by Harris supported by Gondre to accept and file the correspondence as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to appoint Jolene Michaels to fill the Trustee vacancy effective the October 10, 2005 meeting. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to adopt the Washburn Street Agreement as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to authorize Manager Rambo to sign the Washburn Street Agreement. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Gondre to adopt the Ensley Park Rental Application. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to adopt Resolution 2005-10, Planning Commission appointments. Motion CARRIED. (6-0) Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Peterman-aye, Thomas-aye, Scott-aye.

Motion by Thomas supported by Lipke to authorize Manager Rambo and Attorney Sluggett to prepare a Nuisance Ordinance for council review. Motion CARRIED. 6-0)

Rules of Order will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Thomas supported by Gondre to appoint the current standing Planning Commission to serve as the Tree Board. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to award the bid to Woodland Paving for the paving of Ensley Street and the overlays. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Lipke to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett, Manager Rambo and numerous citizens were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Peterman supported by Lipke to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of September 27, 2005 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve the amended agenda. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A public hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. to hear comment about a proposed truck route. Loraine Zylstra voiced concerns over routing traffic around the village. Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Gondre to allow Edgerton Upper Elementary to paint the six pillars of character from the Character Counts! Program, on the gazebo roofline in Ensley Park. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Peterman to approve the Overlay Inspection Proposal from Mike Scott. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, Scott abstain)

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to authorize the Village Manager to pursue the revised location for the Trail Head project as proposed. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Michaels supported by Harris to set a public hearing for input on the proposed Nuisance Ordinance. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Lipke dissenting)

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to adopt Resolution No. 2005-11, supporting local control municipal broadband and cable franchising. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Lipke supported by Harris to table motion to amend the fence ordinance revisions. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke supported by Harris to take the motion to amend the fence ordinance off the table. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Lipke to adopt Ordinance # 2005-8, as amended. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adopt the Council Rules of Order as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve paying bills in the amount of \$9579.71. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Lipke supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of October 10, 2005 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Mrs. Louise Culver suggested an Ordinance requiring residents to clear their leaves. Manager Rambo will follow up.

Mr. Ron Baker announced that Montcalm County had authorized the disbursement of the final grant funds from the Solid Waste Committee.

Motion by Lipke supported by Peterman to approve the appointment of Paige Denslow to fill the vacancy on the DDA. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott announced that Manager Rambo received an average rating of 4 out of 5 on his 6-month performance appraisal. The 4 rating was labeled "Very Good/Above Expectations."

Motion by Peterman supported by Gondre to approve a \$3000 annual wage increase for Manager Rambo retroactive to the first week in November. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to approve a mid-year cost of living wage increase of \$0.25 per hour, retroactive to the first week in November, for Village Employees. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Harris commented on the positive increase in Village service levels and overall workplace moral. Council agreed that Village staff should be commended for their efforts.

The Council thanked the employees of Wolverine World Wide for painting the Council Chambers while taking part in the National Day of Caring.

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to adopt Ordinance #2005-9, establishing a Truck Route around the Village of Howard City as presented. Roll Call. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A public hearing for discussion of the Nuisance Ordinance was opened at 7:15 p.m. Discussion was held. Motion by Thomas supported by Michaels to close the hearing at 7:17 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adopt Ordinance #2005-10, a Public Nuisance Ordinance, as presented. Roll Call. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A public hearing for discussion of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for non-conforming uses was opened at 7:28 p.m. Motion by Gondre supported by Michaels to close the hearing at 7:31 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Gondre to adopt Ordinance #2005-11, amending sections, 2.1, 9.3 and 15.6 of the Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Harris to adopt the revisions to the Employee Policy Manual as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Harris to approve the Woodland Paving pay request for \$477,018.50. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Lipke to pay the bills totaling \$18,288.92. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2005

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Rambo were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Peterman second by Lipke to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the November 7, 2005 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas second by Michaels to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris second by Gondre to approve the 2006 Council Meeting schedule. Motion CARRIED.

President Scott read a card from the Clerk thanking the Council for allowing her to attend the Clerk's Institute last week.

Motion by Peterman second by Harris to set a Public Hearing for PA 198 IFT District at 214 Washburn on January 9, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman second by Harris to adopt resolution #2005-11, Social Security Number Privacy Act. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye. Motion CARRIED.

President Scott opened a public hearing at 7:27 p.m. to close the Sietsema Farms/MEDC CDBG Loan program. Public comment was requested; hearing none, motion by Harris supported by Thomas to close the hearing at 7:28 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas second by Gondre to adopt resolution # 2005-12, the MERS 457 Resolution. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman second by Lipke to authorize the Village Manager to sign associated MERS documents. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Lipke second by Peterman to adopt resolution #2005-13, MERS Uniform Defined Contribution. Gondre-aye, Harris-aye, Lipke-aye, Michaels-aye, Peterman-aye, Scott-aye, Thomas-aye. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris second by Thomas to authorize the Village Manager to sign associated MERS documents. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman second by Gondre to authorize road bond expenditures of \$63343.58. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Harris second by Thomas to authorize the Village Manager to apply for a Rural Development Community Facilities Grant. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Thomas second by Harris to pay the bills as needed. A report will be sent with the next Manager's Report. Motion CARRIED.

Motion by Peterman second by Lipke to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Manager Bennett and Attorney Sluggett were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the December 12, 2004 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Harris to accept the settlement offer of \$7403.00 from the Pierson Township Board for the remainder of their fire contract. Motion CARRIED. (4-3, Peterman, Poprawski, Grannis dissenting)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Thomas to table the decision to pay the Montcalm Alliance dues. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to hire Fleis and Vandenbrink to oversee the sludge removal process at the wastewater treatment plant for \$3700.00. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to authorize Manager Bennett to enter in to a lease agreement with Sally Reid to comply with her wishes to stay at the village owned house until April 30, 2004. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett was directed to solicit bids to sell the old Case backhoe with a minimum bid of \$2700.00.

The 2004/5 Budget Hearing was scheduled for February 9, 2004 at 7:15 p.m.

Manager Bennett's bi-annual review was presented by Trustee Harris.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to give Manager Bennett a one percent (1%) wage increase. Motion CARRIED. (5-2, Scott, Harris dissenting)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Poprawski to pay the bills as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$ 40577.15
Water Operations	3088.61
Sewer Operations	1374.89
Revolving	4419.20
Local Streets	<u>62.50</u>
Totals	\$ 49522.35

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Thomas supported by Grannis to adjourn at 10:33 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Manager Bennett, Attorney Sluggett, Director VanWagner and Chief Germain were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Minutes of the January 12, 2004 meeting
Fire Report
Police Report
Treasurer's Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott opened the public hearing for the 2004/2005 budget at 7:15 p.m. Discussion was held and a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to close the public hearing at 7:53 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to adopt The General Appropriations Act Resolution for Fiscal Year 2004-2005. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to accept the bid of Radle Construction of \$6100.00 to purchase the Case backhoe. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and re-zone the 1.32 acres East of the existing Wolverine building from Agricultural/Open Space to Industrial. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to authorize the President and Clerk to sign the Reynolds Township Fire Contract for 2004/2005. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott read a letter from the Council accepting Officer Kolhoff's resignation and wishing him well as the Edmore Police Chief.

President Scott read a letter of appreciation for Officer Dewitt's efforts in solving home invasion crimes in December.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to pay the bills as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$4864.53
Water Operations	635.01
Sewer Operations	288.35
Local Raised Streets	<u>1328.76</u>
Totals	\$7116.65

A motion was made by Harris supported by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and award the bids for the FEMA purchases to the low bidders. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members were present except Thomas. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Chief Germain were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the February 9, 2004 meeting
Police Report
Municipal Services Report
Fire Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Peterman to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan submitted by 3W Development for the Wolverine expansion. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and rezone the North 80 feet of lots 9 and 10, Block 28 from C-2 (Highway Commercial) to R-2. (Medium Density Residential) Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan submitted by Dave and Lynda Slavens for their property on Ensley Street. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to contact the title office used in the Library land swap regarding title insurance discrepancies. It was decided that should legal action be required it would be turned over to the Library Board.

The Council directed Manager Bennett, Chief Germain and Attorney Sluggett to address the Mutual Aid Fire Assistance Agreement.

The Water Reliability Study was presented to the Council.

The request from the Montcalm Alliance for dues was tabled until more information is supplied by the Alliance regarding their plans for economic development and assistance in Howard City.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Grannis to authorize Manager Bennett to solicit bids and sign contracts for sludge removal on behalf of the Village not to exceed a bid of \$30000 by a responsible bidder. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett presented an inter-governmental agreement with Lakeview to purchase a brush chipper for \$12,500.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Poprawski authorizing Chief Germain to apply for a 2004 Homeland Security Grant. (FEMA)

Manager Bennett and Attorney Sluggett were directed to serve a Notice to Quit on the tenant of the Village owned home.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to purchase memorial monuments, with space for names to be engraved, from Heckman Funeral home for the price of \$4051.29. There would be no advantage to taking competitive bids because of the price break given. One stone will be for former village employees, firefighters, and elected officials, the other for employees that have lost their life in the line of duty. The Memorial Garden policy is also adopted. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Peterman to pay the bills as presented.

General Fund	\$1894.94
Water Operations	583.39
Sewer Operations	300.00
Major Streets	<u>311.60</u>
Totals	\$3089.93

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees and Manager Bennett were present.

President Scott welcomed Brian Brecker and thanked Terri Grannis for her years of service on the Council and to the Community.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Gondre to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Clayton Thomas, the new police officer for the village, was introduced by Chief Shayler.

Police Department input on the memorial was discussed. The committee will ask Chief Shayler for his input.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Poprawski to accept \$70.00 to settle Ken Thomas' outstanding water bill. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, Thomas abstaining)

With no further business to come before the council, a motion was made by Thomas supported by Brecker to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Bennett
Manager

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees were present except Harris. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Director VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Gondre Supported by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the March 16, 2004 Special Meeting
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

James Hanify was present to voice concerns with problems in his neighborhood. He was referred to Chief Shayler and Manager Bennett.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Brecker to adopt the Police Chief Compensatory Time Policy as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Poprawski to table the decision of contracting police protection to the Lake Shores Association until the May 10, 2004 meeting. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Thomas to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett announced the award of the sludge removal bid to Synagro Midwest, Inc. for \$30,000.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to hire Fleis & Vandenbrink for additional professional services monitoring the sludge removal at the waste water treatment plant at the cost of \$1450.00 contingent upon clarifying the term "three partial days." Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to adopt the amended budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to accept the appointments for the 2004-2005 Fiscal year. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Thomas to schedule Council Work Sessions for the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Brecker to pay the bills as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Discussion was held about the re-zoning of the property at 122 Muenscher Street.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Bennett, and Attorney Sluggett were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the April 12, 2004 Meeting
Police Report
Fire Report
Work Session Minutes from April 26, 2004
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to amend the Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A statement was read by President Scott answering to statements made about him at an open meeting. (A full copy of the statement and supporting documents are available for inspection at the Village Office.)

A resident from Orton Street was present to request a four-way stop at the corner of Orton Street and Walnut Street.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Gondre to deny the request to share costs with the First Baptist Church for paving the alley due to the disrepair of many other village streets. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to approve the contract with the Lake Shores Association to provide police protection as previously proposed by the Village Manager. Motion FAILED. (3-3, Thomas, Poprawski and Gondre dissenting)

Manager Bennett was directed to have an inspection of the village owned house to determine its value.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to approve the DDA's Annual Budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Poprawski to receive and file the Treasurer's Report and Municipal Services Department Report. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Poprawski to direct Manager Bennett to solicit bids for the removal of the old water tower. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Gondre to rescind the motion to purchase the monument, Motion FAILED (No support)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Thomas to remove the existing War Memorial in front of the Village Office and give it to the VFW to make room for the new monument. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett presented a letter from Randy Cook, a teacher at Tri County High School, inviting the Council to their Nature Trail opening on May 28th.

A motion was made by Poprawski, supported by Peterman to pay the bills totaling \$15684.19 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to direct Manager Bennett to draft an advertisement for contracted water meter reading for \$300 per month. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. All Trustees were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the May 10, 2004 Meeting.

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett brought the Council up to speed on the situation at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to purchase and erect signs at all three bridges within the village. The signs will prohibit jumping from the bridges. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported Peterman to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Howard City Village Council
Proposed Work Session Minutes
May 24, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with all council members in attendance, also present were several citizens from Sycamore Street.

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

M. Scott added Council Seat, MML Seminar, and Seating

J. Paprawski added Chain of Command

M. Gondre Added Monument, FEMA Money

Manager Bennett added Sycamore Street, Bridge, Nature Trail, & Correspondence

Old Business: Discussions of Goals listed under old business was postponed until the next work session due to length of the new business agenda.

New Business: M. Scott announced that candidates expressing an interest in the council vacancy included Veronica Rankin, Jolene Michaels, Terri Grannis, Vern Crater, and David Slavens. The employee relations committee will meet to evaluate these candidates.

M. Scott reported that he has been in contact with the MML about having a facilitator come report on the Council\Manager form of government.

M. Scott reported that he will propose a new seating arrangement at the council table for the next meeting.

J. Poprawski reported that he felt the Police Chief polling both citizens and council members may be a violation of the communications policy and would like the employee relations committee to discuss this.

M. Gondre reported that the VFW would accept the existing monument and he will coordinate the move after Memorial Day.

M. Gondre reported that Ionia County was receiving FEMA money for flood damage and we should pay attention to see if Montcalm County is eligible to receive reimbursement for some of our extra expense.

Manager Bennett reported on the contracts for paving on Sycamore received from Reynolds Township and the Montcalm County Road Commission. The street committee will meet and have a recommendation for the next council meeting.

Manager Bennett reported that the MML's Risk Management people felt it best to have an ordinance prohibiting jumping off the bridges. Attorney Sluggett will draft an amendment to the disorderly conduct ordinance for consideration.

Manager Bennett announced that he is planning on attending the Tri County School Nature Trail grand opening on May 28th and requested that any council members planning on attending notify him by Thursday to give the School notice.

Manager Bennett read a letter of resignation from Fire Chief David Germain effective July 1, 2004. Manager Bennett will present a plan for replacing Chief Germain at the next council meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Marc A. Bennett
Village Manager

**Howard City Village Council
Special Meeting
June 2, 2004**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with all council members in attendance, also present were several citizens.

**Motion by B. Peterman, supported by K. Thomas to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried 6-0**

After discussion of the site plan at 861 West Shaw, Motion by T. Harris, supported by J. Poprawski to accept the planning commissions recommendation to approve the site plan contingent upon sleeving the sewer pipe to the west lot line and approval by the Montcalm County Drain Commissioner of the storm water drainage calculations.

Motion carried 6-0

**Motion by J. Poprawski, supported by K. Thomas to adjourn
Motion carried 6-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted

**Marc A. Bennett
Deputy Clerk**

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Director VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Poprawski to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the June 2, 2004 Special Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Fire Report

Police Report

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Frank Zamarripa from Latitudes Bistro was present to ask for approval to construct an outdoor patio for his restaurant. He was referred to the Planning Commission for site plan review.

A Public Hearing to close the MEDC Grant/Loan was opened at 7:15 a.m. Manager Bennett has collected the proper paperwork required and will forward it to the MEDC. A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to close the hearing at 7:21 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Indian Lakes Association President, Steve Pritchard, was present to request police protection for the residents of Indian Lakes. No action was taken as the Council previously turned down a previous proposal.

Arlene Culver inquired about Ensley Street and it's disrepair. The Village is in the process of securing a match from the Montcalm County Road Commission to repair the stretch of Ensley Street from the North Village Limits to the South Village Limits.

Jane Sherburne inquired about people not heeding the One Way signs near the Post Office. Manager Bennett will address this with Police Chief Shayler.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and rezone Lots 1-6 except the South 15' of Lot 6 and Lots 11-16 of Block 12 of the Original Platte of the Village of Howard City from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Harris to open an account for the Harvest Festival Committee at Independent Bank with Kim Alexander, Marc Bennett and S. Michael Scott as signatories. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett will attend the next Reynolds Township Board meeting to get clarification on which quadrants of curb and gutter the Village will pay for when Sycamore Street is paved. Also, to find out if Reynolds Township will participate when the Village paves the portion of Sycamore from Washburn to Chestnut Street.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to undertake the repair of the storm sewer at the corner of Orton and Edgerton Streets at a cost not to exceed \$3500.00 for labor. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Gondre to accept the easement from S. Michael and Cheryl Scott to the Village to repair the storm sewer on Edgerton Street. Motion CARRIED. (5-0, Scott abstaining)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Gondre to hire Bill Cornelisse as an independent contractor to read meters at the cost of \$300.00 per month. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Many citizens were present to express their concern over the methods being used to hire the new Fire Chief.

Manager Bennett will have job descriptions and requirements for the Fire Chief and Zoning Administrator positions for the June 28, 2004 Special Meeting.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Gondre to authorize the purchase of a Hustler Super Z lawnmower from Kent Power Equipment through the state purchase program for \$8030.10. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to adopt Resolution 2004-1, a resolution of submitting an application packet for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), and the Michigan Municipal League (MML) grant program Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to authorize Manager Bennett to sign contracts with Peerless for annual well inspections at the cost of \$195.00 per well. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The DNR Trail Use Permit was tabled until the June 28, 2004 Special Meeting to allow Manager Bennett time to speak with our insurance carrier about liability.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to appoint Terri Grannis to fill the Trustee vacancy on the Council. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Poprawski to pay the bills totaling \$19326.34 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to approve the Municipal Services Report. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to adjourn at 10:03 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and many citizens were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda as amended:

Minutes of June 14, 2004 Meeting

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to accept the amended Agenda. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett reported that the Trail Use Permit from the DNR has been forwarded to our insurance underwriters for their input regarding liability issues. He hopes to have information for the July 12th meeting.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adopt the Fire Chief Job Description as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Grannis to set the Fire Chief's annual salary at \$3000.00 plus fire run pay. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis to appoint Randy Heckman as Fire Chief. The motion was withdrawn after Attorney Sluggett explained that it was in conflict with Village Ordinance.

A motion was made by Grannis to rescind the Village Manager Ordinance. Motion failed due to lack of support after Attorney Sluggett explained publication and hearing time frames.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to go into executive session consistent with the Open Meetings Act to discuss an employee/officer review with the consent of the effected employee/officer. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council returned from executive session at 8:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to accept Manager Bennett's recommendation and appoint Randy Heckman to the position of Fire

Chief with a mandatory review of his salary, hours and performance after 90 days. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A discussion was held regarding the Montcalm Alliance meeting held June 24, 2004. The council would like Manager Bennett to sit in on meetings between the effected parties, but not devote too much time or any resources to settle the dispute between Sietsema Farms, MEDC, and the Montcalm Alliance over assistance with the electrical service at the grain elevator in the Pierson Township portion of the Renaissance Zone.

Jerry Poprawski suggested sending a Thank You card to Cid Corl for his time and efforts in promoting Townwide Yard Sales.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Gondre to hold Council Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett will address concerns over illegal handicap parking.

A discussion was held regarding the agenda and allowing Trustees to speak about issues other than agenda items. It was decided that each Trustee will get a chance to bring up issues at the end of regular business as it was in the past.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to adjourn at 9:53 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Poprawski, Peterman, Gondre, Thomas and Harris. Absent was: Grannis. Manager Bennett, Attorney Sluggett and many citizens were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott read a letter he wrote in response to the Letter to the Editor in the River Valley Shopper written by Mrs. Louise Culver. His response will also be published in the paper.

President Scott read a letter on behalf of the Council to David Germain thanking him for his 36 years of dedication to the Fire Department.

President Scott read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Kathy Fisher concerning a Police Department issue. Manager Bennett will follow up with Chief Shayler and contact the Fisher's with an explanation.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Gondre to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for Mattson's Hardware. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for the Dairy Bear. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett was directed to sign the Use Permit for the White Pine Trail only after receiving written verification from the Village's insurance company that a change in coverage is not needed.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to authorize Manager Bennett to solicit bids from area realtors to market and sell the Village-owned house and give an estimate of a sales price. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to award the bid for purchasing a Ricoh copy machine from Applied Imaging for the price of \$3175.00. This also includes a service contract for \$30.00/mo for 1875 copies, 1.6 cents/copy overage. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to enter into a contract with Reynolds Township for \$14815.91 for the paving of Sycamore Street from Washburn Street to Lake Montcalm based on their agreement to participate in the paving of Sycamore from Washburn Street to Chestnut Street. Payment Schedule will be worked out upon project completion. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Thomas to put extra handicap parking signs on Edgerton Street. Thomas withdrew the motion because it requires a Traffic Control Order from the Police Chief. Manager Bennett will have the Police Chief draft a Traffic Control Order for the next Council meeting. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Gondre to pay the bills totaling \$22315.39. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council thanked Powell's Excavating for donating manpower and equipment to help remove the monument and take it to the VFW post.

Trustee Harris asked that all plats be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Attorney Sluggett suggested that this be accomplished through the adoption of a Subdivision Control and Site Condominium Ordinance.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2004 meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to dissolve all sub-committees and have everything come to the Council as a whole. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council thanked Independent Bank for providing concessions and volunteers to different organizations during Music in the Park.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Bennett were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to approve the July 12, 2004 meeting minutes on the Consent Agenda. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Grannis to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Paul Galdes and Dave Harvey of Fleis & Vandenbrink gave a presentation on Wastewater System Improvements.

Manager Bennett gave a report on activities planned for the Harvest Festival on September 18, 2004.

Manager Bennett will continue to act as Zoning Administrator.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to respond to the Montcalm County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee with a request of 4 recycled picnic tables for the parks. The cost of the tables and the amount of shared expense has yet to be determined. Prior to accepting the grant the cost of wood picnic tables will be researched.

The monument is ready to be installed in front of the Municipal Building. Anyone who wishes to have a name etched in the monument is encouraged to contact the village office to receive a copy of the policy and fee schedule. The monument will be dedicated at the Harvest Festival before the Public Safety Parade of Lights.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to adopt Resolution 2004-2, a resolution of intent to hold a public hearing on August 9, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. to consider vacating Emory Street East of the East line of Poplar Street, East to the Tamarack Creek, between blocks 53 and 57 of the First Addition to the Village of Howard City. Scott-Aye, Grannis-Aye, Poprawski-Aye, Harris- Aye, Peterman-Aye, Thomas- Aye, Gondre- Aye

The Council directed Manager Bennett to have all minor repairs and maintenance done to the police cars locally. Major repairs may be done at a Ford Dealership. He is to contact other communities to see how they handle vehicle repairs and contracts.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Grannis to authorize Midwest Asphalt Maintenance to re-stripe Edgerton Street from Lincoln to Ensley, the intersection of Ensley and Shaw and the arrows in the alley by the Post Office at the cost of \$1040.00. The crosswalks near Edgerton Upper Elementary will also be added at an additional cost. The bid was awarded based on the Village's past history and knowledge of the company. There would be no advantage to soliciting bids. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to plan to sell both staff cars at auction along with the surplus of bicycles and several other pieces of village-owned equipment. Manager Bennett has contacted Lakeview about having a joint auction.

The Do Not Enter sign is on order for the alley that is one-way behind the Post Office.

A zoning issue on Orton Street was discussed. The homeowner has until August 4, 2004 to give the Village a permanent solution to his accumulated trash and debris or receive a citation.

A zoning issue was discussed on Cypress Street. Manager Bennett will contact the resident and request copies of weight tickets to show how much debris has been removed.

President Scott requested clarification on enforcement for dogs running loose in the village. The Ordinance reads Section 9. No person owning or having charge, care custody or control of a dog shall cause, permit, or allow the same to run at large or to be upon any highway, street, road, lane, alley, court, or other public place, or upon the private property or premises of another person without the consent of the owner of such property, unless the dog is restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding 6 feet in length and is under the control of a person with the ability to restrain it.

Manager Bennett's semi-annual performance evaluation was discussed.

Due to the performance evaluation the council asked that President Scott and Attorney Sluggett have a meeting to discuss the Village's options with Manager Bennett's contract. They will meet and Attorney Sluggett will have a legal opinion sent to each Trustee. It will be discussed at the August 9, 2004 meeting.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Grannis to adjourn at 10:56 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Poprawski, Grannis, Harris, Thomas, Peterman and Gondre.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Treasurer's Report

Municipal Services Report

Fire Report

Police Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Gondre to approve the Agenda as amended. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to enter into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss a legal opinion provided by Attorney Sluggett in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council returned from executive session at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to close the mid-term Manager's Review and do the regularly scheduled review in December. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to approve the Assistant Fire Chief's job description as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the Fire Department By-Laws as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Chief Heckman reported that the tanker is in need of substantial repairs. He hopes that the sale of the 2 trucks for the FEMA Grant match will yield enough money to fix the tanker as well.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to adopt Resolution 2004-3, a Resolution of Intent to vacate a street. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to adopt Traffic Control Order #27, allowing for additional handicap parking on Edgerton Street. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett reported that he has spoken with Lakeview and they are in the process of scheduling a joint auction of excess village owned property to take place in Lakeview.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to list the Village-owned house with Mark Stevens of Prudential Preferred Realty for \$43016-\$47544 with a 7% Realtor Fee and \$195 Administrative Fee. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett was directed to see how many companies refurbish police cars and find a minimum bid value for our extra cars.

Manager Bennett reported on a Cypress Street zoning issue. The Council directed Manager Bennett to get dated receipts from the homeowner showing the amount of debris removed from his property.

Manager Bennett presented a proposed solution to an Orton Street zoning issue.

Manager Bennett was directed to pursue a possible Special Assessment District for Brian Hamersma's property on West Washburn Street. He will bring more specific information at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to approve the appointments of Louise Culver to the Planning Commission and Ken Thomas Jr. to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council thanked Jerry Poprawski for his many years of service on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Poprawski to pay the bills totaling \$19291.09 as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Grannis to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council decided that one of the two memorials planned for the front of the Municipal Building will be exclusively for Eric Johnson, the Police Officer killed in a car accident on duty. They will meet with Chief Shayler to determine the proper wording and design.

Attorney Sluggett is drawing up the paperwork for the library land swap, it will be ready for the next meeting.

The Council decided rather than pay \$1500.00 for additional equipment to monitor Sietsema Farms waste water, the Municipal Services Department will monitor the hour meter at the lift station.

The Municipal Services Department is working on a solution to the clogged ferric line at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Manager Bennett will report back at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to accept the following names be put on the memorial: Stephen C. Scott

Stephen C. Scott
Charles M. Scott
Connie N. Stevens
Reynold "Bud" Gondre
J. Hilton Yockay
Royce F. Ryno
Dorothy VanWagner
Lloyd E. Reynolds

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council inquired about the Reynolds Township Police Contract and the amount of hours specified. It will be supplied to them via the Manager's Report.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Gondre, Poprawski, Harris and Grannis. Absent were Peterman and Thomas.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Gondre to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Mrs. Louise Culver inquired about employee evaluations.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to amend the Employee Policy Manual as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. for public comment on the request of property owners to vacate Emory Street East of the East line of Poplar Street, East to the Tamarack Creek, between Blocks 53 and 57 of the First Addition to the Village of Howard City.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Poprawski to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Harris to adopt the Resolution to vacate Emory Street East of the East line of Poplar Street, East to the Tamarack Creek, between Blocks 53 and 57 of the First Addition to the Village of Howard City as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Grannis to approve the amended DDA Budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Grannis to authorize the President and Clerk to sign the Land Exchange/Conveyance Agreement with the Reynolds Township Library. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

President Scott informed the Council of a Pilot Study program from MDOT where they may reimburse the Village for a Transportation Asset Management Program.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2004 meeting as amended. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported Grannis to approve the inclusion of Russell Stevenson, Harvey Williams and Charles Denison to the village memorial. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to research the hours spent by the police department in Reynolds Township.

Manager Bennett showed the route given by the Crop Walk organization for their annual event. It has been approved by Chief Shayler.

Manager Bennett will look into ordinances for outdoor wood furnaces and report his findings to the Council.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Bennett were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the August 23, 2004 meeting.

Police Report

Fire Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett reported that the Downtown Development received a Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns Grant from the MEDC and MISHDA. There will be a press conference and check presentation on September 29, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to approve the purchase of a computer for the Fire Department from AB Computing for \$625.00 and to make the necessary budget amendment to support the purchase. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett reported he has a meeting with Dick Nagy to discuss auctioning excess vehicles and property.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to authorize the use of the West side parking lot of the Fire Department for the Girl Scout's car wash from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on September 18, 2004. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council received a letter from the Commander of the VFW, Bob Hoover, inviting them to the Monument Dedication at the VFW on September 26, 2004 at 12:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to pay the bills amounting \$32182.20. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to approve the Municipal Services Report and the Treasurer's Report. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Chief Heckman reported that he received an extension on the 2003/4 FEMA Grant and is in the process of purchasing additional equipment to spend the remainder of the grant.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

**Howard City Village Council
Regular meeting
September 27, 2004**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with all council members in attendance, also present were several citizens.

Motion by T. Harris, supported by B. Peterman to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried 6-0

Motion by J. Poprawski, supported by T. Harris to approve the agenda
Motion carried 6-0

Katie Remeltz was present to request that the council consider allowing Odd/Even Parking on side streets during the winter. The council directed Manager Bennett to check with other communities our size to see if any of them utilize Odd/Even Parking.

Director of Municipal Services Mike VanWagner introduced new employee Bill Cornelisse.

Fire Chief Heckman made a presentation on some of the things accomplished since his appointment as Chief.

The council agreed that Trick or Treating would be allowed on Sunday, October 31 from 6:00 to 8:0 P.M.

The council agreed to cost share 50% with land owners on sidewalk replacements on a first come first served basis up to a total of \$1000.00 in this year's budget.

President Scott thanked the Harvest Festival Committee and all of those that assisted in the Harvest Festival activities.

Motion by T. Grannis, supported by M. Gondre to approve the bid of Ed Koehn Ford of \$20,325.00 for the purchase of a new police car.
Motion carried 6-0

Motion by J. Poprawski, supported by K. Thomas to adjourn
Motion carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Marc A. Bennett
Deputy Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Bennett and Attorney Sluggett were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the September 27, 2004 meeting

Police Report

Fire Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Maywood Waldo inquired about streetlights on the corner of Emory and White Streets.

Chief Heckman was present to give a report on the status of the FEMA Grant and the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to authorize Chief Heckman to travel to Virginia to look at the Fire Truck he is interested in purchasing with the FEMA Grant money. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Thomas to adopt Resolution #2004-4, to hold a Public Hearing on October 25, 2004 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss Implementing MCL 168.642, as amended, of the Michigan Election Law, retaining control of Village Council elections. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Poprawski dissenting)

Manager Bennett explained the ferric line problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Council discussed many options and decided to allow Max Gondre to oversee the repairs.

President Scott read a letter from Officer Eric Johnson's Family thanking the village for the new monument erected in his honor.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to pay all necessary bills that need to be paid and report them at the next council meeting. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Trustee Grannis requested a change to the employee policy manual to include a dress code for the administrative office.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to get pricing on a time clock and time cards and report back at the next meeting.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to get quotes on repairing the front window at the Municipal Building.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees and Attorney Sluggett were present.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the October 25, 2004 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

County Commissioner Ron Baker was present to tell of a recycling contract signed by the Board of Commissioners to add the 2nd Wednesday to the schedule for the County Recycling Program.

President Scott opened a public hearing to discuss the adoption of Resolution #2004-5, implementing MCL 168.642, as amended scheduling the Village's regular election on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September in odd years, rather than in March of the even numbered years.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to adopt Resolution #2004-5, scheduling the Village's regular election on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September in odd years. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Poprawski dissenting)

President Scott read a Letter of Resignation from Manager Bennett.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to receive and file Manager Bennett's resignation effective November 24, 2005. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott explained Manager Bennett would be due accrued sick leave, vacation time and self-paid COBRA insurance because of the 30 days notice he gave.

The Council set a Special Meeting for October 28, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Village Manager position and new dress code implementation.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Grannis to authorize Manager Bennett to enter into a contract with Peterson Auction Service to hold an auction of excess property. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to authorize the purchase of a computer and software upgrades from Boynton Systems for \$1530.00. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to approve the purchase of a chlorimeter to measure chlorine, ammonia and phosphate at the wastewater treatment plant from Hach Company for \$961.20. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to notify the downtown landlords that the village will not be responsible for their parking issues that are already addressed in Village Ordinances.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Grannis to pay the bills in the amount of \$31759.58. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council thanked Trustee Gondre for his help in solving the ferric line problem at the wastewater treatment plant.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to enter into executive session to discuss a written legal opinion pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Minutes of the executive session were taken by President Scott as Manager Bennett and Clerk Alexander were asked not to attend.

The Council returned from executive session at 9:05

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Bennett and Attorney Sluggett were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2004 meeting as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Peterman to adopt the dress code language for amendment to section 5.9 of the Village Employee Policy Manual including the Introductory Language, Administrative Staff, and Uniformed Personnel, with the amendment to the Uniformed Personnel section adding the word, "scheduled." Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to enlist the MML's services to solicit proposals for the search of a full-time Village Manager. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A work session for the Council was scheduled for November 8, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Harris to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Bennett were present.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the October 28, 2004 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Police Report

Fire Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to accept the Agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Arlene Culver was present to express her concerns over the condition of Ensley Street.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance #2004-6, an ordinance regulating the processing, review and approval (or denial) of plats in the Village of Howard City, as well as the standards and requirements related thereto. Roll Call. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to table Latitudes Site Plan review until further information is obtained. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Poprawski dissenting)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to indefinitely table the time clock discussion. Trustee Harris withdrew the motion.

Trustee Grannis noted that except for Mike VanWagner and Randy Heckman the other employees didn't utilize their opportunity for input on the time clock issue.

Chief Heckman gave an update on his search for a fire truck through the FEMA Grant.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to accept and file the Municipal Services Report. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to authorize the Village President to obtain a list of individuals qualified as interim Village Manager and contact the Council with a date for a special meeting. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to notify Mr. Anderson on Cypress Street that they are requiring the removal of 20 tons of debris per month, and the necessary documentation to prove that. The first weight ticket will be due no later than December 15, 2004.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to pay the bills in the amount of \$21981.02. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to approve the addition of Russell W. Grannis and Albert N. Terwilliger to the village monument. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Gondre to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

**Howard City Village Council
Special Meeting
November 11, 2004**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with all council members in attendance, also present were several citizens.

**Motion by B. Peterman, supported by T. Harris to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried 7-0**

**After a presentation on potential interim manager candidates, Motion by T. Harris, supported by T. Grannis to have President Scott continue the search for an interim manager
Motion carried 6-0, Scott abstained**

**Motion by J. Poprawski, supported by K. Thomas to adjourn
Motion carried 7-0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Respectfully Submitted

**Marc A. Bennett
Deputy Clerk**

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Bennett, Director VanWagner, Fire Chief Heckman and several citizens were present.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Peterman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the November 11, 2004 Special Meeting

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Gondre to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Latitudes Site Plan contingent upon a deed restriction being filed with the Montcalm County Register of Deeds that the patio will be open until 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday. There will be no entertainment and acoustical soundproofing will be installed on the inside of their fence. Motion CARRIED. (4-3, Peterman, Thomas and Grannis dissenting)

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to adopt Resolution #2004-6, to insure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Roll Call. Yea: Scott, Poprawski, Harris, Gondre, Thomas, Peterman, Grannis. Nay: None

Fire Chief Heckman gave an update on his progress with the FEMA Grant.

The Council discussed the two resumes they received for the Interim Village Manager position. They will interview Darcy Long on December 2, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. during a Special Village Council Meeting.

President Scott read a letter to Manager Bennett thanking him for the contributions he made to the community while on the Council and in the position of Village Manger.

Trustee Harris thanked Delbert and Sheilia Thompson for their cooperation in bringing their property into compliance with village ordinance.

Trustee Poprawski raised a concern about the accuracy of a letter the Council received from Chief Shayler at their last meeting.

Motion by Harris supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2004

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Present were: Scott, Peterman, Thomas, Grannis and Poprawski. Absent was: Harris. Director VanWagner, Chief Shayler, Chief Heckman, Attorney Sluggett and numerous citizens were also present.

Motion by Thomas supported by Grannis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre supported by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Jason Smith was present to request installing a new wire from Charter Communications at the water tower to speed up his internet connection. President Scott and Attorney Sluggett will go over his current contract, request a letter from Charter Communications and have Jason Smith write a letter to be specific of his intentions.

Chief Heckman gave an update on the new fire truck. He also has 5 people in training and a sixth that just joined the Department.

The Council thanked John Powell and his employees for building a ramp and helping unload the fire truck.

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and extend site plan approval for Wolverine World Wide. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Gondre supported by Peterman to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Reynolds Township Library's site plan. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Poprawski to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Brian Hamersma's site plan on Ensley Street. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Peterman supported by Thomas to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Brian Hamersma's site condominium plan with the added footnote that all private roads will be paved and the road noted on the plan as public be changed to private. Motion FAILED. (3-3, Grannis, Poprawski and Gondre dissenting)

Motion by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn Brian Hamersma's site condominium plan until the next meeting. Motion CARRIED. (4-2, Scott and Peterman dissenting)

In reliance of representation of Mr. Anderson's attorney the council decided not to take action at this time on the ordinance violation on Cypress Street. The Council will wait until the deadline given in the letter by Mr. Anderson's attorney.

The Council called a Special Meeting for December 16, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. to interview a potential candidate for the Village Manager position.

Motion by Thomas supported by Poprawski to approve the appointments as presented. (6-0)

Motion by Grannis supported by Thomas to authorize the President and Clerk to sign any and all documents related to the Reynolds Township Library land swap. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Motion by Thomas supported by Poprawski to pay the bills as presented totaling \$17809.55. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Trustee Grannis noted that she feels the property on Orton Street referred to in the last meeting is not in compliance with Ordinance # 86-5. President Scott will pull the file and go over the agreements with Attorney Sluggett and they will cite the property owners if they are in violation of the agreement.

The Council directed the Clerk to send a plant and a card on behalf of the Village to welcome new businesses to town.

The Clerk will be responsible for maintaining sick pay, vacation pay and personal time for all village employees.

Motion by Thomas supported by Gondre to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All council members were present except MacTavish. Manager Bennett, Director VanWagner, Chief Shayler and Chief Germain were also present.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Poprawski to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of Proposed Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2002
Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Jason Smith of All-In-One Wireless, Inc. was present to request negotiations on a lease to put an antenna on the water tower.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to draft a letter of understanding with Moore & Bruggink regarding engineering of the truck route.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Harris to pay dues to the Montcalm Alliance in the amount of \$500.00. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Grannis to adopt Resolution No. 2003-1, granting an electrical franchise to Great Lakes Energy Cooperative. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to adopt the proposed 2002/2003 Budget Amendment as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to reallocate Fire Department funds in the amount of \$3601.00 to purchase 2 sets of turnout gear and 4 pagers for the Fire Department. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to renew Manager Bennett's contract for 2 years with a 2.9% increase in his salary. Motion Failed. 3-3 (Aye: Scott, Poprawski, Grannis Nay: Gondre, Peterman, Harris)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to extend Manager Bennett's current contract until February 28, 2003. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General Fund	\$38159.06
Water Operations	1839.28
Sewer Operations	2686.17
Major Streets	<u>845.28</u>
Totals	\$43529.79

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Gondre to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Manager Bennett, Attorney Sluggett and Director VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by MacTavish to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Minutes of the January 13, 2003 meeting
Fire Report
Police Report
Treasurer's Report
Year-end Zoning Report
Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Dave Johnson of Fleis & Vandenbrink gave a presentation on the engineering services they could perform for the village.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to authorize Manager Bennett to solicit bids for a water reliability study and write a letter of commitment to the MDEQ to perform that study within the next year. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by MacTavish to submit the change to the state to convert Washburn Street from a Local Street to a Major Street.

Manager Bennett presented the proposed 2003-2004 Budget that will be voted on at the Special Council Meeting on February 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Harris to adopt Resolution No. 2003-2, a Resolution to support the establishment of a micro revolving loan fund for Growth Finance Corporation. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Gondre to sign a two-year contract with a 3.3% raise with Manager Bennett. Motion CARRIED. (5-2, Poprawski and Grannis dissenting)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to accept with regret the resignation of Bruce MacTavish from the Council. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, MacTavish abstaining)

President Scott thanked Bruce for his 9 years of service on the Village Council.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by MacTavish to pay the bills as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$6760.09
Water Operations	601.91
Sewer Operations	3896.04
Major Streets	830.92
Local Streets	773.47
Revolving	<u>308.46</u>
Totals	\$12862.43

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Grannis supported by MacTavish to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Manager Bennett, Director VanWagner, Chief Germain and Chief Shayler were present.

A motion was made by MacTavish supported by Grannis to accept the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The decision to award the bid for the Lake Montcalm utility extension was tabled until the next meeting.

A public hearing to discuss the proposed 2003/2004 budget was opened at 7:15 p.m. After discussion, a motion was made by Poprawski supported by MacTavish to close the hearing at 7:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Peterman to adopt the proposed 2003/2004 budget. Motion CARRIED. (5-2, Poprawski and Grannis dissenting)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by MacTavish to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Manager Bennett, Director VanWagner and Attorney Sluggett were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the 2/24/03 meeting
Police Report
Treasurer's Report
Municipal Services Department Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Fire Report was given.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Gondre to award the bid for phase one of the MEDC Grant project to extend utilities on Lake Montcalm to Schipper's Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$217114.00.
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to approve the DDA's 2003/2004 Budget. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to adopt Ordinance No. 2003-1, adopting the Uniform Traffic Code and Michigan Vehicle Code by reference. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to pay the bills as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General Fund	\$4423.56
Water Operations	954.00
Major Streets	897.90
Revolving	<u>203.31</u>
Totals	\$6478.77

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Grannis supported by Peterman to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Scott, Poprawski, Grannis, Gondre. Absent were: Harris and Peterman.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Gondre to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the March 10, 2003 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Jerry Sipp was present to discuss an issue about the Police Department. He was referred to Manager Bennett and Chief Shayler.

Sid Corl was present to express an interest in coordinating Yard Sale Days.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to authorize a band performance on June 20th at Ensley Park waiving the noise ordinance until 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Grannis to accept the low bid of \$63200 on a Case 580M Backhoe from Wolverine Tractor and Equipment and authorize financing through Independent Bank at 3.5%. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Gondre to accept the low bid on a Ford F250 4X4 of \$18416.48 from Ed Koehn Ford after verifying the year is a 2003. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to authorize a one-year non-transferable lease to All-In-One Wireless in exchange for providing high-speed Internet access and a wireless network to the Municipal Complexes. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to accept the bid of Fleis & Vandenbrink of \$850.00 (and not to exceed an additional \$2000 for soil borings) to prepare a pre-design estimate and a letter of interest for additional funds. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

The Council adopted a policy for procedures for real estate companies, title companies and appraisers for obtaining tax/water bill information from the Village.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Poprawski to confirm the 2003/2004 appointments as presented. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Gondre to pay the bills as presented. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

General Fund	\$4011.34
Water Operations	873.14
Sewer Operations	1756.36
Local Raised Streets	259.75
Local Streets	259.72
Major Streets	875.09
Revolving	<u>702.56</u>
Totals	\$8737.96

The Council authorized Howard City Student Baseball to build four dugouts at the Emory Street ball fields as long as they are properly maintained by their Organization.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Grannis to authorize Manager Bennett to sign a Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Manager Bennett read a letter from Jim Brown, a representative of Sietsema Farms, asking that the Village request additional funding from the MEDC for the electrical work that needs to be done at their feed mill. The Council would only support requesting the additional funds if Sietsema Farms is solely responsible for any additional grant requirements.

Jerry Poprawski thanked everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday, it was a great success and a good time was had by all.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Grannis supported by Gondre to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (4-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Bennett were present.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to accept the appointment of Ken Thomas Sr. to fill the vacancy on the Council. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Grannis to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

April 14, 2003 Meeting Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Jim Brown of Sietsema Farms was present to ask the village to extend the MEDC Grant to include electrical work to their plant.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Grannis to adopted Resolution No. 2003-3 authorizing execution and delivery of an installment purchase agreement for a Case 580M Backhoe. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Attorney Sluggett to draft a letter to the Winfield Township Board asking them to pay \$1500.00, which is a past due invoice from a fire run in their township and notifying them that upon receipt of this letter the Howard City Fire Department will no longer respond to fire calls in the once contracted area of Winfield Township.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to adopt Ordinance No. 2003-2, amending section 123.003 of Chapter 123 of the Village Code. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council expressed their support of the DDA's proposed project to resurface the intersection of Shaw Street and Ensley Street.

The Council authorized Manager Bennett and Chief Shayler to continue negotiations with the Indian Lake Association for 8 hours a week police patrols from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to pay the bills.

General Fund	\$3521.25
Water Operations	\$ 885.53
Sewer Operations	\$1015.00
Major Streets	\$ 801.35
Local Streets	<u>\$ 111.15</u>
Totals	\$6334.28

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Attorney Sluggett to inquire with Moore & Bruggink the status of the pond liner repair to be done at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Peterman supported by Grannis to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members, Attorney Sluggett and Superintendent VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

May 12, 2003 Meeting Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Department Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Thomas to authorize Attorney Sluggett to send a formal demand letter to Moore & Bruggink for a resolution of the sewer pond liner tears by August 1, 2003 or the Village will proceed with legal action. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Gondre to adopt Resolution #2003-4, establishing a trust or escrow account for the surety of repair, replacement or removal of structures damaged by fire. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the Preliminary Plat of Birch Run #2 dated May 8, 2003. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A discussion was held regarding providing police protection to the Indian Lakes area, a decision was tabled until Chief Shayler and Manager Bennett can be present to answer the Council's questions.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$4882.24
Water Operations	\$ 113.14
Sewer Operations	\$ 197.00
Major Streets	\$ 360.00
Local Streets	\$1290.00
Local Raised Streets	<u>\$ 753.87</u>
Totals	\$7596.25

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All trustees were present except Grannis. Attorney Sluggett and Superintendent VanWagner, Chief Shayler and Manager Bennett were also present.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the June 9, 2003 Meeting
Fire Report
Police Report
Treasurer's Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to adopt Resolution #2003-5, a resolution in support of the Washburn and Sycamore truck by-pass project and the application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for funding assistance with the project. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Gondre to authorize the President and Clerk to sign the Winfield Township Police Service contract. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Peterman dissenting)

Manager Bennett was directed to send a letter to Pierson Township requiring the payment of the outstanding balance of their fire contract.

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Thomas to adopt Resolution # 2003-6, amending the Employee Policy Manual to include Easter Sunday as a paid holiday for those who work it. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Peterman dissenting)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to reallocate funds to purchase tool boxes and a light bar for the new Ford pick-up truck at the cost of \$1276.75. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett reported he sent a letter to all parties involved with the torn pond liner giving them a firm deadline of July 25th to have a resolution to the problem. The Council directed Attorney Sluggett to begin legal action if the deadline is not met.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Gondre to reallocate funds to purchase a radio for \$575.00 if there are no working radios already owned by the village. Motion CARRIED. (4-2, Peterman, Poprawski dissenting)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to purchase a set of turn-out gear for the fire department from Darley at the cost of \$1142.90. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett was directed to solicit bids for the Water Reliability Study.

Manager Bennett was directed to negotiate the sales of the Chevy pick-up with a minimum price of \$175.00 and the street sweeper with a minimum price of \$750.00.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to pay the bills:

General Fund	\$8346.33
Water Operations	\$10822.92
Sewer Operations	\$8090.21
Major Streets	\$2799.54
Local Streets	\$2177.83
Local Raised Streets	<u>\$75.46</u>
Totals	\$23965.96

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Bennett and Director VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Grannis to approve the following on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the July 14, 2003 Meeting, as corrected

Fire Report

Police Report

Treasurer's Report

Municipal Services Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Pierson Township Supervisor, Nancy Maioho, was present to discuss the amount due on their fire contract from the runs made to the schools for bomb threats. She has been in contact with Tri County Schools and is working with them on a solution to this problem.

State Representative Judy Emmons was present to update the Council on Revenue Sharing information.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski for the Municipal Service Department to continue to pick up stumps and root balls as they have in the past, as long as residents follow the guidelines of the brush policy pertaining to the neat and orderly piles on the shoulder of the road. This policy may be reviewed in the future. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to award the bid for the Water Reliability Study to Fleis & Vandenbrink for \$5300.00. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Grannis to give Howard City Harvest Festival permission to hold their festival on September 13, 2003 and close the streets that are needed for the activities for that day. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to authorize the purchase of new accounting software from USTI for \$7470.00. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Thomas to accept the proposed solution to the torn sewer pond liners from Moore & Bruggink. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Poprawski to pay the bills.

General Fund	\$8032.16
Water Operations	\$ 741.71
Sewer Operations	\$ 914.28
Major Streets	\$ 698.87
Local Streets	\$ 950.00
Local Raised Streets	\$ 200.00
Revolving	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Totals	\$11787.02

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Peterman supported by Poprawski to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All trustees but Gondre were present. Attorney Sluggett, Director VanWagner and Manager Bennett were also present.

Trustee Poprawski asked that the Municipal Services Report be pulled off the consent agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Thomas to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

Minutes of the August 11, 2003 Meeting
Fire Report
Police Report
Treasurer's Report
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Harris to authorize Manager Bennett to assist Sietsema Farms in negotiations with the MEDC and any other interested parties to obtain additional grant funding for their electrical service. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Attorney Sluggett reported that he is waiting for a response from the Winfield Township attorney about the fire run bill.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to pay the bills.

General Fund	\$3693.82
Water Operations	1185.33
Sewer Operations	230.00
Major Streets	987.94
DDA	446.12
Local Streets	<u>706.80</u>
Totals	\$7250.01

Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to have Manager Bennett proceed with his goals and develop an action plan accordingly. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Thomas supported by Peterman to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All council members, Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Director VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Thomas to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the September 8, 2003 Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Fire Report
Municipal Services Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett was directed to request quotes for a plan to remove the sludge at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Manager Bennett was directed to enter into negotiations with the Reynolds Township Library for the transfer of property.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to adopt Resolution 2003-7. A Resolution allowing fire insurance funds be held in escrow as surety for the repair, replacement or removal of damaged structures to protect the public health and safety. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to support the PA 116 Application made by Michael and Francis Carlson. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to write a policy limiting Village Employees to checking out only hand tools for personal use.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve a Resolution transferring ownership of 2003 Class C Licensed Business with Dance Permit, located in escrow at 101 E. Edgerton, Howard City, MI 49329, Montcalm County, from Gerald F. Sipp to 38th Parallel, LLC; and request a new entertainment permit. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Briarwood East Preliminary Plat. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Gondre to authorize the installation of a streetlight on the North end of Silver Birch. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to negotiate a lease with Crystal Microsystems for use of the water tower and to re-negotiate the lease with All – in-one Wireless.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Gondre to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$3929.40
Water Operations	2945.41
Sewer Operations	1475.85
Major Streets	2587.69
Local Raised Streets	5051.10
Local Streets	<u>695.82</u>
Totals	\$16685.27

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Thomas supported by Gondre to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members, Manager Bennett and Director VanWagner were present.

The Council paused for a moment of silence in memory of retired Village employee Royce Ryno.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the October 13, 2003 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Municipal Services Report
Fire Report

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Tom Birdsall from the Howard City Masonic Lodge 329 was present to request that the lodge be allowed to erect a sign to advertise non-profit organizations within the community near the village limit signs. He will work with Zoning Administrator Germain, Director VanWagner and Manager Bennett to finalize plans.

Jeremy Sheets, of Crystal Microsystems was present to discuss the lease proposed for his equipment on the water tower.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Thomas to reject Pierson Township's proposal to settle the outstanding balance due on their fire contract. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett presented the Council with a letter from Attorney Sluggett regarding Verizon's Metro Act Permit Application.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$2899.58
Water Operations	1057.15
Sewer Operations	4696.09
Major Streets	130.00
Local Streets	<u>130.00</u>
Totals	\$8912.82

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Thomas to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion CARRIED.
(7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2003

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Trustees, Manager Bennett, Attorney Sluggett and Director VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the November 10, 2003 meeting
Treasurer's Report
Police Report
Municipal Services Report
Fire Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Grannis to authorize Manager Bennett to sign a contract with Crystal Microsystems from July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$5400.00. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Gondre to purchase a plow for \$3592 from Allied Truck Equipment. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to send a letter to Pierson Township asking about the status of their outstanding fire bill.

The Council directed Attorney Sluggett to send a letter to Winfield Township demanding payment and reiterating that the Fire Department will not respond to the area formerly under contract with the village. (including Indian Lakes)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to rescind his offer of a lease on the village owned house to Sally Reid and ask her to vacate by February 1, 2004.

A motion was made by Thomas supported by Gondre to pay the bills as follows:

General Fund	\$3479.60
Water Operations	1365.87
Sewer Operations	190.60
Major Streets	206.22
Local Raised Sts	<u>675.00</u>
Totals	\$5917.29

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Peterman supported by Poprawski to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion CARRIED.
(7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members were present. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Treasurer's, Police, Fire and DPW Operations reports were given.

A motion was made by Harris seconded by MacTavish to waive the water and sewer hook-up fees in the Briarwood project for Brian Hamersma. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Poprawski to approve the plat of the Birch Run project and authorize the Clerk to sign on the Village's behalf. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to approve the Reynolds Township Fire and Police contracts and authorize the President and Clerk to sign and forward them. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to approve the Winfield Township Fire Contract and authorize the President and Clerk to sign and forward them. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the Pierson Township Fire Contract and authorize the President and Clerk to sign and forward them. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Harris to amend the budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to adopt Ordinance #2002-1 to amend section 118.007 of Chapter 118 of the Village Code changing the fee for testing water meters from \$1.00 to the testing fee and shipping and handling. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to adopt a policy for the testing of water meters. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve Traffic Control Order #24, adding stop signs to the following corners: Muenscher Street at Chestnut (Both North and South bound), Cherry Street at Orton Street. (Both East and West bound) and Park Street at Orton Street. (Both East and West bound) Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Peterman to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$5820.93
Major Streets	240.00
Water Operations	197.66
Sewer Operations	<u>429.58</u>
Totals	\$6688.17

President Scott set the 2002/2003 Budget Hearing for February 25, 2002 at 8:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2002

President Pro-Tem Poprawski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. President Scott and Trustee Blanchard were absent. Superintendent Van Wagner, Chief Germain and Manager Bennett were present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The yearly Zoning Permit Report was given.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to draft a letter to Winfield Township canceling the 2002/2003 Fire Contract effective March 1, 2002 if no response is received by the Village on the new contract.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to adopt the Clerk Compensatory Time Policy. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All members were present except Blanchard. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to accept the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations Report were given.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution # 2002-1, recognizing that six hundred feet of Washburn Street between a continuation of Cedar Street and Birch Run and all of Birch Run are platted streets under the jurisdiction of the Village of Howard City. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to authorize Manager Bennett to negotiate a contract with Charter Communications for an easement to place a cabinet with internet equipment on village property. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the Master Improvement Plan for the village. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to authorize Consumers Energy to make changes in service at the intersection of Willow and Washburn and Willow and Cherry by installing streetlights. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General Fund	\$7681.07
Major Sts	328.00
Local Sts.	258.25
Water	869.88
Sewer	130.65
Revolving	<u>2889.83</u>
Total Bills	\$12157.68

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Poprawski to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members were present with Blanchard arriving at 7:34 p.m. Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$117.25
Water Fund	210.00
Revolving Fund	<u>1959.96</u>
Total	\$2287.21

The Council thanked Willet (Bill) Smith Jr. for his donation to the depot project.

President Scott opened the Budget Hearing at 8:00 p.m. After discussion, a motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Poprawski to close the Budget Hearing at 8:08 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to adopt the 2002/2003 budget as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to adopt the General Appropriations Act Resolution for Fiscal Year 2002/2003. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members were present except Blanchard. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report, and DPW Operations reports were given.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and make zoning boundary changes on the zoning map as presented. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Peterman to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General Fund	\$2765.31
Revolving Fund	1800.00
Water Operations	35.50
Sewer Operations	26.12
Major Streets	<u>3053.17</u>
Totals	\$7680.10

The Council Congratulated Tri County High School Wrestlers Dan Thompson and Ryan Froese for winning their weight classes State Championship.

The Council thanked Chuck Blanchard for his 2 years of service on the Village Council.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council members, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were present. President Scott welcomed Trustee Gondre to his first meeting.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris seconded by Grannis to enter into an agreement with Douglas Wohlberg, CPA to perform the annual audit with the stipulations that he perform the audit before May 15, 2002 and all financial statements are provided before the state deadlines.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to re-zone the property at 122 Muenscher Street from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to C-2. (Highway Commercial.) Motion CARRIED. (5-2 Peterman and Grannis dissenting)

A motion was made by Gondre seconded by Harris to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation changing the requirements of 2-family dwellings within an R-3 zone as presented. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott announced a meeting to reorganize the Howard City Historical Society on April 18, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

The Council thanked Annette VanWagner, Penny Bronakowski and all involved in making the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt a success.

Manager Bennett informed the Council of the Police Department's plan to purchase bike helmets to give to children in the Village. They will apply for a grant to pay for 1/2 of the helmets. The method of distribution has yet to be determined.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members, Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Treasurer's Report and Fire Report were given. The Police Report and DPW Operations Report will be given at the April 22, 2002 meeting.

Chris Stapp was present to announce his candidacy for the Tri County School Board.

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Grannis to accept the bid for a new police car, a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria from Ed Koehn Ford for \$20,000. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2002-2, a resolution to adopt a drug testing policy for Village Employees who possess a CDL license. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett presented an offer to buy the Village's property on Ensley Street for \$30,000. The Council asked Manager Bennett to make a counter offer of \$40,000.

Manager Bennett asked the council for permission for AYSO Soccer to construct a field near our new well house on Orton Street. The council asked him to suggest they look for a better location.

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Peterman to elect Kim Alexander as Clerk. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to approve the appointments as presented for 2002/2003. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$6088.35
Revolving	15684.26
Water Operations	316.12
Sewer Operations	1372.54
Major Streets	<u>2522.98</u>
Total	\$25984.25

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to change the employee life insurance to one half the quoted premium for \$100,000 in coverage. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to look into leasing the building at the Emory Street ball fields to each sport that uses it for a concession stand to cover the costs of maintenance and utilities.

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council members, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Police Report and DPW Operations Report were given.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to pass Resolution # 2002-3, to allow a council member to perform additional services for compensation for the Village. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0, Gondre abstaining)

A motion was made by Harris seconded by Peterman to authorize Manager Bennett to negotiate the sale of the village property on Ensley Street for the agreed upon price of \$35,000. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott cancelled the April 22, 2002 meeting.

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council members were present except Grannis and MacTavish. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett, Superintendent VanWagner, Fire Chief Germain, Police Chief Shayler and several citizens were also present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Poprawski to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Treasurer's, Police, Fire and DPW Operations Reports were given.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and re-zone parcel # 59-047-435-022-00, on Ensley Street from Industrial to Highway Commercial. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for Kris Stevens' repair facility contingent upon approval of the County Drain Commissioner or the Village Engineer of the storm sewer/drainage. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to meet with representatives from Little League and Rocket Football to discuss paying utility bills and a new license for the operation of the ball field concession stand.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Poprawski to adopt a resolution to appoint Marc Bennett Street Administrator for the Village. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to meet with those involved in the planning of Yard Sale Days to work out a plan for them to rent the park to vendors.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to approve the hiring of Greg Kolhoff as the new police officer for the Village. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Council thanked Kay Henderson for donating a State of Michigan flag to fly at the Village Office.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

General Fund	\$8172.03
Water Operations	4372.70
Sewer Operations	3606.53
Major Streets	2991.44
Local Raised Sts.	<u>1980.50</u>
Total	\$21123.20

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Harris seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council members were present except MacTavish. Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Jon Aylsworth was present to introduce himself as a candidate for State Representative.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to approve Resolution # 2002-5 to authorize the submission of a Michigan Community Development Block Grant proposal for Economic Development Infrastructure for the Village of Howard City associated with development of the Howard City Renaissance Zone. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to approve payment of the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General	\$9502.93
Water Operations	1871.68
Sewer Operations	2106.34
Major Streets	513.18
Local Raised	<u>820.00</u>
Total	\$14814.13

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Peterman seconded by Grannis to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members were present except MacTavish. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Poprawski to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations Reports were given.

Cynthia Pierce was present to raise concerns she has with the Police Department.

A Public Hearing was opened to consider the requested alley closing adjoining lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12 in Block 61 of the 4th Addition to the Village of Howard City. A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to close the hearing at 7:52 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to adopted Resolution #2002-6, vacating the alley in Block 61, 4th Addition to the Village of Howard City adjoining lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12, but reserving to the Village and its successors a stormwater drainage easement along that portion of the vacated alley east of Poplar Street for a distance of 150 feet. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan submitted by Robert Siterlet for the proposed Curves for Women building on Ensley Street. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett presented a proposal from Dan Hagstrom that Rocket Football would build an addition onto the concession stand at the Emory Street ball fields with donated materials and labor and pay \$20.00 per month for utilities if the Village would purchase building permits. The Council directed Manager Bennett to authorize Mr. Hagstrom to build the addition but the Village would not pay for building permits. They also instructed Manager Bennett to collect the entire cost of utilities from any sports organization using the concession stand.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to approve payment of the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General	\$2775.09
Local Raised Sts	5400.00
Water Operations	5733.51
Sewer Operations	475.70
Revolving	<u>2685.45</u>
Totals	\$17069.75

Manager Bennett reported that we received notification from the State that the stop light at the corner of Ensley and Shaw Streets will not be bid until September but should still be installed yet this fall.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members, Manager Bennett, and Superintendent VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. (7-0)

Bill and Betty MacTavish were present to express their concern over the new brush policy. President Scott read a letter from Jean Roberts also telling of her concerns over bundling brush. The Council will revisit this issue at the August 12, 2002 meeting.

Dan Hackbardt and Randy Heckman were present with a complaint about the Fire Department. They were referred to Manager Bennett to discuss the issue further.

Manager Bennett reported that Rocket Football and Little League are going to share the cost of building the addition to the concession stand and the monthly utility bills.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Gondre to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Treasurer's, Police, Fire and DPW Operation Reports were given.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to amend the Brush Pick-Up Policy by not requiring bundles of brush to be tied or bound. The policy will still require brush to be no more than 4 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. The brush must also be stacked neatly in piles no heavier than 40 pounds. Any resident with brush not meeting the requirements will be notified immediately as to give them the opportunity to restack their piles in time for scheduled brush pick up. Motion CARRIED. (4-3)

A motion was made by Harris seconded by Peterman to accept the offer made on the West property of \$35,000 and closing costs. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to adopt Traffic Control Order #25, placing stop signs at the corners of Chestnut Street and Pine Street and Chestnut Street and Cedar Street. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

President Scott announced the resignation of Linda Bogardus from the DDA. She is moving out of state.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to authorize payment of the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General	\$4779.53
Water Operations	1637.85
Sewer Operations	2009.29
Major Streets	698.17
Local Streets	1070.00
Local Raised Streets	3030.77
Revolving	462.42
DDA	<u>76.62</u>
Totals	\$ 13765.65

Manager Bennett was directed to speak with Mr. White about the removal of his remaining trailers from his parking lot.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members, Manager Bennett, Superintendent VanWagner and Attorney Sluggett were present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Pete Bitler was present to voice his concerns about Ordinance enforcement.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for Kid's Korner Child Care Center. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Harris to approve Resolution 2002-8 authorizing the President and Clerk to sign the contract with the MDOT for the stop light and allowing the Village Manager to take all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate this Resolution. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris seconded by Peterman to send a letter from the Council requesting Franz Mogdis attend the next Council Meeting to explain where he is in the process of submitting our MEDC grant application. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A Drain Commission Resolution was presented by Manager Bennett. The Resolution was tabled until the next meeting to give Manager Bennett and Attorney Sluggett time to go over the details and report back to the Council.

Manager Bennett reported that he received the paperwork for the land swap for the library and will be forwarding it on to the DNR for their signatures.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council members were present except MacTavish. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett, Fire Chief Germain and Superintendent VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Poprawski to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's, Police, Fire and DPW Operations Reports were given.

County Drain Commissioner Cooper was present to explain that the Drain Commission is requesting that the Village adopt the County Storm Water Design Standards. Manager Bennett will present the Resolution at the next Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Special Use Permit request made by Brian Hamersma for storage warehouses and offices on Ensley Street contingent upon the Fire Chief's approval of a gravel access road for fire protection in lieu of a fire hydrant. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott announced that the MDOT opened bids for the Ensley/Shaw Street traffic light. The apparent low bid was J. Ranck Electric, Inc. at \$43,800.

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to change the name of the Department of Public Works to Municipal Services Department and change the title of Mike VanWagner from Superintendent to Director. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to amend the Employee Policy Manual Chapter 5, Section 5.7 governing employee breaks to read as follows: Employees are permitted a break period not to exceed 15 minutes during each one-half day of work. Break periods may be scheduled by the Director at his/her discretion. Breaks are not to be taken as part of the lunch break or at the beginning or close of the workday. During break periods employees remain on active duty; accordingly, to enhance the efficiency of the work unit, breaks should be taken only with respective departmental employees. Motion CARRIED. (5-1, Peterman dissenting)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Gondre to authorize Manager Bennett to take all actions necessary to administer all current and future grants and loans with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and to obtain

any and all Village documents related to the grants and loans from the Montcalm Alliance. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to amend the Schedule of Village Council Meetings to eliminate the 2nd meeting of the month and change the meeting time to 7:00 p.m. beginning with the October 14th meeting. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

President Scott appointed Virginia Lambertson to the Downtown Development Authority.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to solicit bids for painting the Municipal Services Department Building and the Village Office.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General Fund	\$4218.36
Major Streets	4483.55
Local Streets	1375.00
Water Operations	3497.60
Sewer Operations	1112.10
Revolving	<u>238.80</u>
Totals	\$14925.41

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Peterman to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members, Director VanWagner, Manager Bennett and Fire Chief Germain were present.

A motion was made by Peterman supported by Harris to approve the minutes of the last meeting as corrected. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by MacTavish to award the bid to paint the Municipal Service Department and the Village Office to Mr. Painterman with a low bid of \$6700.00. Motion CARRIED. (6-1, Grannis dissenting)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Grannis to adopt Resolution No. 2002-7, the Montcalm County Storm Water Design Standards. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett announced that FEMA awarded the Fire Department a grant for \$42212.00 to purchase new air masks.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to work with Attorney Sluggett to take all steps necessary to implement Public Act No. 48. This would bring the Village revenue from telecommunications companies that use Village right-of-ways.

Director VanWagner reported that Fall Clean Up Day is tentatively scheduled for October 4th and 5th.

A public hearing on the MEDC Grant/Loan application was opened at 8:00 p.m. Manager Bennett explained that the grant/loan would be for \$500,350. This would be for extending water and sewer to Ravenna Feed and Grain, upgrading Lake Montcalm Road to a Class A, all season road, and creating a truck route from Washburn Street to Amy School Road and Amy School Road to M-82. A motion was made by Grannis supported by MacTavish to close the hearing at 8:06 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by MacTavish supported by Gondre to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council Members were present except Grannis. Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Fire Chief Germain were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and Municipal Services Report were given.

Wayne Hill was present to comment on his efforts in bringing his property into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to adopt Resolution #2002-12, setting Halloween Trick-or-Treating hours on October 31, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Peterman to adopt Resolution #2002-9, accepting Zylstra Drive into the Village street system. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by MacTavish to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance #2002-3 amending the Zoning Ordinance modifying the Site Plan Review and Zoning Permit processes in a Commercial District. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by MacTavish to adopt Resolution #2002-10, setting a public hearing on November 11, 2002 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss closing the South 433 feet of Myrtle Street between Shaw Street and Chestnut Street. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A public hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the MEDC Grant/Loan application submission. The amount applied for is \$500,350. The money will be used for the water and sewer extension from Renaissance Drive to Sietsema Farms, upgrading Lake Montcalm Road to a Class A, all season road, and creating a truck route from Washburn Street to Amy School Road and Amy School Road to M-82. A motion was made by Poprawski supported by MacTavish to close the hearing at 7:35 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by MacTavish to award the bid for Fire Department Air Masks to the low bidder 5 Alarm Fire for \$37728.75. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by MacTavish to adopt the proposed Rules of Procedure including a consent agenda. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Peterman supported by MacTavish to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General Fund	\$3690.24
Major Streets	\$2417.05
Local Streets	\$350.00
Sewer Operations	\$1310.23
Water Operations	<u>\$1611.77</u>
Total	\$9379.29

A motion was made by MacTavish supported by Harris to authorize the Clerk to vote Aye to approve the revisions to the Intergovernmental Contract with the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Poprawski supported by MacTavish to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Scott, Poprawski, Harris, Grannis and Gondre. Absent were Peterman and MacTavish.

A motion was made Harris supported by Grannis to authorize Manager Bennett and Attorney Sluggett to negotiate a Franchise Agreement with Wolverine Power and bring the agreement to the next meeting for council approval. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Poprawski to accept the purchase agreement with Wolverine Power for \$12,000 contingent on attorney approval and to authorize Manager Bennett to sign any and all documents relating to the sale of parcel # 59-047-435-057-10. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Poprawski to authorize Manager Bennett and Attorney Sluggett to negotiate a Franchise Agreement with Great Lakes Energy and bring the agreement to the next meeting for council approval. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A public hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. to consider the request of adjoining property owners to close the South 433 feet of Myrtle Street between Shaw Street and Chestnut Street. After discussion, a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to close the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to adopt Resolution #2002-14, closing the South 433 feet of Myrtle Street between Shaw Street and Chestnut Street, Village of Howard City, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County, Michigan. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Harris to authorize Manager Bennett to draft a contract with Crystal Automation that would allow them to place an antenna on the village's water tower. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Grannis to authorize Manager Bennett to draft a contract with Pathway Internet Service that would allow them to place an antenna on the village's water tower. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Poprawski approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of the October 14, 2002 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Fire Report, Police Report, Treasurer's Report, Municipal Services Report.

Approved Traffic Control Order #26, Intersection Control by Traffic Signal
Adopted Resolution #2002-13, ratifying the sale of the West Property
Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to approve John Powell's request to extend Cass Street 300 feet with a 50 foot radius cul-de-sac, provided he supply the village with a maintenance easement and contingent upon attorney approval. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to adopt Ordinance #2002-4, Chapter 129 to regulate access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers for their telecommunications facilities while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare and to exercise reasonable control of the public rights-of-way in compliance with the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act (Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002) and other applicable law, and to ensure that the Village qualifies for distributions under the Act by modifying the fees charged to providers and complying with the Act. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Gondre to deposit half of the proceeds of the sale of the West property into the Revolving Fund and half into the General Fund. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Poprawski to approve payment of the bills. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

General Fund	\$4425.65
Water Operations	\$1831.36
Sewer Operations	\$1124.02
Major Streets	\$750.14
Local Raised Sts	\$120.00
Local Streets	\$300.00
DDA	<u>\$24.00</u>
Totals	\$8575.17

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Special Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members and Manager Bennett were present.

A motion was made by Grannis supported by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by MacTavish to approve the MEDC grant contract and authorize the Village President to sign the contract. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Poprawski supported by Grannis to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Bennett, Manager

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2002

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members, Attorney Sluggett and Manager Bennett were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by MacTavish to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2002
Approval of the Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and Municipal Services Department Report
Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The council directed Manager Bennett to issue a citation to Warren White for non-compliance to the Trash and Debris Ordinance.

A motion was made by Poprawski supported by Harris to approve and implement the Recreation Plan. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris supported by Grannis to accept the Certificate of Resolution creating a cafeteria plan (125) for employee paid insurance. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Gondre supported by Peterman to adopt Resolution No. 2002-15 implementing the Telecommunication Ordinance. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Harris to accept the Franchise Agreement with Wolverine Power. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Peterman to authorize payment of the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General	\$5654.42
Major Sts	68.27
Local Raised Sts	10033.10
Water Operations	4169.50
Sewer Operations	<u>310.00</u>
Totals	\$20235.29

President Scott scheduled a Special Meeting on February 24, 2003 to adopt the 2003-2004 fiscal year budget.

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Peterman supported by MacTavish to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Village Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Scott with all Council members, Mgr. Bennett, Fire Chief Germain and several citizens present. Motion by J. Martin second by B. Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion CARRIED. The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Report were given.

Mgr. Bennett reported on the public hearing held by the Planning Commission to consider a request by Bean Trucking for re-zoning a parcel of land north of Washburn Street from R-1 to Industrial to allow the business to relocate onto that property. No opposition was received from adjoining property owners. Motion by J. Martin second by J. Poprawski to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to re-zone the property from R-1 to Industrial. Roll Call Vote – Motion CARRIED (7-0). A special use permit to allow for a truck terminal and a site plan approval will be required.

Nancy Clouse, representing the MSU Montcalm Extension Office, informed the Council of possible programs to include pesticide and fertilizer use, control and disposal, town-wide beautification and community pride, and services of master gardeners. She will be hosting a meeting at the Panhandle Community Center on Feb. 17th from 9 a.m. – noon for anyone interested.

Mgr. Bennett reported that he and Fire Chief Germain were awarded a grant to pay for the National Fire Academy's course on "Fire Planning Concepts for the 21st Century." All expenses except meals are paid, including travel and tuition. The course runs from February 25th through March 2nd.

Over \$16,000 has been raised so far for the Thermal Imaging Camera for the volunteer fire department with only \$4,000 more needed. Motion by T. Grannis second by J. Martin to donate \$1,000 towards the camera. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

President Scott reviewed Manager Bennett's evaluation for the past year with the Council.

Motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to approve the bill to Scott Engineer for construction management in the amount of \$15,086.80. Motion CARRIED (7-0). Motion by T. Grannis second by J. Martin to approve the bill to MDOT in the amount of \$5,767.44. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Motion by J. Martin second by T. Grannis to approve the bills. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

General Fund	28,124.30
Water Operations	5,847.19
Sewer Operations	296.98
Major Streets	2,326.12
Local Streets	1,812.43
Locally Raised Streets	<u>1,203.93</u>
TOTAL	39,610.95

Motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to set a date of February 12, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. to hold a hearing in regard to the vacation of property south of Walnut, west of Ash, east of Cedar and north of Washburn to allow for re-platting. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

The Preliminary Budget Hearing was set for February 12th at 7:45 p.m. and the Final Budget Hearing was set for February 26th at 7:45 p.m. for purposes of adopting the fiscal year 2001-2002 budget.

T. Grannis asked about the RV at 216 Emory Street. It has been located there since July. Because of severe health problems the owner will be given until February 1st to comply with applicable ordinances.

J. Poprawski reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance to Mark Anderson allowing an accessory building in his front yard on Cypress. It was an existing building when he purchased the property and is not visible from the road. He is constructing a new home behind the location of the building.

Fire Chief Germain reported that the Long Road bridge will be closed for several weeks and the fire department is researching ways to access the properties across the bridge in case they are called to a fire there.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion by J. Poprawski and second by J. Martin to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Flayer, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President ProTem Jerry Poprawski with all Council members present except M. Scott and B. MacTavish. Also in attendance were Mgr. Bennett, Attorney Sluggett and several citizens. Motion by T. Grannis second by B. Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED (5-0).

Lawrence Haack was present to complain about problems with a neighbor over dog waste. Manager Bennett will look into the complaint.

Council gave permission for local girl scout troops to put painted trash cans in Village parks. Manager Bennett announced that the Panhandle Chamber of Commerce *Business After Hours* will be hosted by the Village on Monday, February 5th from 5-7 p.m. He also reported that disaster money has become available for snow removal for the extreme snowfalls we experienced between December 11th and the 31st. Reimbursement will be for any 48 hour period the Village chooses.

Motion by B. Peterman second by C. Blanchard to approve the relisting of property with Grubb-Ellis for the amount of \$26,500 per acre. Motion CARRIED (5-0).

Motion by T. Grannis second by B. Peterman to appoint Marc Bennett and George Stevenson to the Panhandle Industrial Development Authority. Motion CARRIED (5-0).

At the request of Montcalm County the Council considered a resolution to make monuments and well covers uniform within the county. Motion by T. Grannis second by J. Martin to adopt Resolution 2001-2 regarding *Survey Monument and Monitoring Well Covers*. Roll Call Vote – Resolution ADOPTED (5-0).

Fire Chief Germain received a request for old turnout gear to be donated to Newaygo County for training of eagle scouts. Council gave permission and a release of liability will be prepared for the donation.

T. Grannis inquired about the popcorn wagon on Orton Street which is in violation of the zoning ordinance. A citation will be issued.

After discussion, motion by T. Grannis second by J. Martin to approve the two-year employment agreement with Manager Bennett with the change in Section 5.2 of the word *increases* be replaced by the word *adjustment*. Motion CARRIED (5-0).

C. Blanchard asked that the no parking signs along Walnut Street be enforced. He cited dangerous conditions before and after school. A suggestion was made that the school put an article in the newsletter explaining the problems and asking parents' cooperation in keeping the students safe.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion by T. Grannis second by J. Martin to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Flayer, Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Scott at 7:30 with all Council members present except C. Blanchard who arrived at 8:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Mgr. Bennett, Attorney Sluggett, Supt. VanWagner, Fire Chief Germain and several citizens. Motion by T. Grannis second by B. MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED (6-0). The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Report were given.

Montcalm County Commissioner, Ron Baker, invited the Council to a meeting of the County Information System to be held on February 14th at 11:30.

President Scott read a letter of intent to retire from Clerk Mary Flayer. After training a new clerk, she will retire with 14 years of service. He thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the village.

At 7:45 p.m. President Scott opened the Proposed 2001-2002 Budget Hearing. Budget line items were discussed and at 9:44 motion was made by B. MacTavish and seconded by J. Martin to close the hearing. Roll Call Vote – Motion CARRIED (7-0).

At 9:45 p.m. the public hearing for proposed street vacations was opened. Motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to close the hearing at 9:49 p.m. Roll Call Vote – Motion CARRIED (7-0). Hearing no objections to the vacations, motion by J. Poprawski second by J. Martin to adopt the resolution vacating the roadways and other public areas within a portion of the plat of the Second Lisk Addition to the Village of Howard City, namely Lots 7-12 of Block 69 and all the lots of Blocks 70 and 71, including the alley to the north of Lots 7 through 12 and to the south of Lots 1 through 6, Block 69. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Manager Bennett presented an amended private drive ordinance for consideration by the Council. The Planning Commission recommended the adoption of the resolution. Motion by B. MacTavish second by J. Martin to adopt Ordinance #2001-1, *Private Streets and Driveways*, Ordinance ADOPTED (7-0).

The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the request to rezone land north of Washburn, east of Cedar, south of Walnut and west of Ash streets. After consideration of the issues, motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the rezoning of the land from R1 to R3. Roll Call Vote – Motion CARRIED (4-3 with Grannis, Martin and Blanchard dissenting).

Motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to approve continued dues to the US131 Development Association. Motion CARRIED (6-1 Martin dissenting).

Mgr. Bennett reported that bids for the new water well came in approximately \$60,000 over remaining grant funds. It was decided to table the matter until a later meeting.

Because of parking problems at MacNaughton Elementary School and the safety issues associated with it, Police Chief Shayler prepared a traffic order to close Cedar Street from 8:15-9:00 a.m. and 3:15-4:00 p.m. for bus loading and unloading. Motion by J. Martin second by B. MacTavish to approve Traffic Order #18. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Following the acquisition of bids, motion by T. Grannis second by J. Martin to move three CDs totaling \$53,000 to First Bank to take advantage of a higher interest rate. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to approve the bills. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

General Fund	\$	4,747.52
Water Operations		1,226.43
Major Streets		1,763.50
Revolving		<u>399.17</u>
TOTAL	\$	8,136.62

T. Grannis asked that a citation be issued to the owner of an RV parked on Orton Street in violation of the local ordinance against living in an RV . The owner had promised to move it by February 1st. She also commended Mgr. Bennett and his staff for their preparation and hosting of the Chamber of Commerce's *Business After Hours* on February 5th.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to adjourn at 11:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Flayer, Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President ProTem Jerry Poprawski with all Council members except C. Blanchard and President Scott in attendance. Also present were Supt. VanWagner, Police Chief Shayler, Attorney Sluggett, and several citizens. Motion by B. MacTavish second by J. Martin to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED (5-0).

Clerk Flayer presented a proposal submitted by the county to opt out of the 911 system. The county was obligated to notify the Village of this opportunity in order for them to qualify for new funding from wireless customers. The Council choose not to opt out of the 911 service.

In order to be eligible for a computer supplied by the County Information Service an agreement to participate for two years in the service needed to be approved. Motion by J. M Martin second by T. Grannis to enter into the County Information Maintenance Agreement. Motion CARRIED (5-0).

A resolution was presented to accept Willow Street between Cherry and Washburn streets into the Village street system. Motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to accept Resolution #2001-3, jurisdiction of Willow Street between Cherry and Washburn streets and accept it into the Village street system. Roll Call Vote – Resolution ADOPTED (5-0).

At 7:45 p.m. motion by B. Peterman second by B. MacTavish to open the budget hearing. Motion CARRIED (5-0). After discussion on budget line items, motion by B. MacTavish second by B. Peterman to close the hearing at 8:17 p.m. Motion by B. MacTavish second by J. Poprawski to adopt the 2001-2002 Budget. Motion CARRIED (4-1 Grannis dissenting).

B. Peterman reported that the Planning Commission has voted to recommend approval of a site plan for apartments in the new R-3 zone. The matter will come before the Council at the March 12th meeting.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion by B. MacTavish second by J. Martin to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Flayer, Clerk

Village of Howard City
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Scott with all Council members except C. Blanchard in attendance. Also present were Mgr. Bennett, Attorney Sluggett and several citizens. Motion by J. Martin second by T. Grannis to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED (6-0). The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Report were given. Fire Chief Germain demonstrated the new thermal imaging camera which was purchased from donations. He explained the many uses the fire department will have for it.

Site plan approval for the newly rezoned R-3 land north of Washburn Street was considered. Motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to approve the site plan contingent on final approval of carports and garages and on engineer approval of the design. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

Assistant Fire Chief Randy Heckman thanked the Council for sending him and Ken Thomas to a fire conference. He explained how beneficial it was to both of them.

Attorney Sluggett reported on negotiations with Charter Cable for a new franchise agreement. New wording for requested changes is to be received by the end of the week.

Manager Bennett and Fire Chief Germain thanked the Council for providing the opportunity for them to attend the National Fire Academy. Both reported the conference was very informative and beneficial to them.

Motion by J. Poprawski second by J. Martin to authorize the clerk and president to sign the fire and police contracts for 2001-2002 with Reynolds Township. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

The Council approved moving Yard Sale Days to coincide with Charity Fest this year. The new dates for yard sales will be September 7 & 8. Also local non-profit organizations will be afforded the opportunity to have a concession at the Music in the Park activities this summer.

Motion by J. Poprawski second by B. Peterman to approve Traffic Order #19 rescinding Traffic Order #18, the closing of Cedar Street at the beginning and close of MacNaughton Elementary's day which had allowed for students to get on and off busses. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

Manager Bennett presented a resolution to become a reciprocal unit for retirement within the Village. Motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to adopt the resolution. Roll Call Vote - Resolution ADOPTED (6-0).

Motion by T. Grannis second by J. Martin to accept and file the resignation from Mary Flayer from her clerk's position which she has held for the past 14 years. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

Motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to approve the bills. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

General Fund	7,012.33
Water Operations	688.80
Sewer Operations	886.89
Major Streets	1,306.35
Local Streets	<u>1,433.39</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,327.76

Councilman Poprawski suggested that the Village not proceed with the land swap with the DNR and expending significant funds on the project before the Reynolds Township Library Board follows through on the land deal which they need to proceed with the new library. A letter will be sent to them outlining our position.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion by J. Martin second by T. Grannis to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Flayer, Clerk

Village of Howard City
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all council members present except B. MacTavish. Manager Bennett, Chief Germain, and Chief Shayler were also in attendance. A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to approve the minutes of the last council meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by J. Martin second by T. Grannis to approve Traffic Control Order #20 to place a three way stop at Edgerton Street and Orton Street. Roll Call Vote-Resolution Adopted. (7-0) A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by J. Martin to approve Traffic Control Order #21, to place a three way stop at Washburn Street and Orton Street. Roll Call Vote- Resolution Adopted. (7-0)

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by J. Martin to authorize the Clerk and President to sign the 2001/02 Fire Contract with Winfield Township. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by J. Martin to award the well house low bid of \$146,500 to Davis Construction contingent upon receipt of additional funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$75,000.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to solicit bids for the extension of Washburn Street.

A motion was made by J. Martin second by J. Poprawski to elect Kim Alexander to Village Clerk to replace the retiring M. Flayer at the end of her term. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by T. Grannis second by J. Martin to adopt a Resolution changing the signatories on all Village bank accounts with First Bank and Independent Bank to include Kim Alexander, Marc Bennett and S. Michael Scott. Roll Call Vote-Resolution ADOPTED. (7-0)

A discussion was held about having Yard Sale Days in June and in September. The Council decided to stay with their original plan and hold Yard Sale Days in conjunction with Charity Fest.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to send letters of violation to Warren White and JIS Tire regarding the semi-tractor trailers located at their businesses.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Deputy Clerk

Village of Howard City
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all council members present except B. MacTavish. Manager Bennett, Attorney Sluggett, Fire Chief Germain and several citizens were present. A motion was made by J. Martin seconded by B. Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report, and DPW Operations report were given.

Attorney Sluggett reported that there was no appeal on the West case and the Village may proceed with selling their property on Ensley Street. He also presented the proposed Cable Franchise Agreement to the Council for their review. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

A motion was made by J. Poprawski seconded by J. Martin to approved Traffic Control Order #22 prohibiting parking on the North side of Edgerton Street in an Easterly direction from North Grant Street to the Alley. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Manager Bennett reported that the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids awarded a Mini-grant to the Village of \$1000.00 to partially fund Music in the Park. He also presented the Fire Departments Standard Operating Procedures for Apparatus and Equipment Maintenance.

A discussion was held regarding adopting the B.O.C.A. Property Maintenance Code. The matter was tabled until the first meeting in May to give all council members time to review the material.

A motion was made by J. Martin seconded by B. Peterman to adopt Resolution # 2001-4 a policy to set the Water Connection fee at \$1100.00 and the Sewer Connection Fee at \$800.00. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by J. Poprawski seconded by J. Martin to adopt Ordinance #2001-2 to amend Section 117.004 of Chapter 117 of the Village Code to set water and sewer hook-up fees by resolution of the Council. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by J. Martin seconded by B. Peterman to adopt Ordinance #2001-3 to amend Sections 100.001(a) and 100.002(a) of the Village Code to expand the definition of trash and debris.

A motion was made by J. Martin seconded by B. Peterman to authorize the President and Clerk to sign the 2001/02 Pierson Township Fire Contract. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett to rewrite the Fire Chief's job description omitting the Zoning Administrator title.

Manager Bennett also was directed to solicit bids by mail for brush chipping services for the Village.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to send an Ordinance violation letter to M. Anderson on Cypress Street.

A motion was made by J. Martin seconded by T. Grannis that the Department of Public works no longer pick-up grass clippings, as it is too hard on the vacuum. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by J. Poprawski seconded by J. Martin to approve the bid from Greenville Truck for the GMC dump truck bedliner not to exceed \$900.00 and to appropriate the monies from the correct funds. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council directed Manager Bennett and Fire Chief Germain to apply for a grant for the Fire Department. The Grant would be for ninety percent of the funds needed to purchase Air Masks and Air Tanks to update the Department's equipment. The Village's share would be the remaining ten percent.

Resident Dorothy Kohn delivered a petition signed by residents and non-residents that requested the Council move the Townwide Yard Sale date back to June. The council suggested that Ms. Kohn and others should organize and have yard sales in June and the Village would assist them by hanging the signs up at the Village Limits. The Council is keeping the Official Yard Sale Days in September to try and boost attendance at both Charity Fest and Yard Sales.

President Scott and the Council thanked the employees for their efforts with the Easter Egg Hunt.

A motion was made by B. Peterman seconded by J. Martin to pay the bills.
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General Fund	7488.25
Major Streets	565.60
Local Streets	350.90
Water Operations	2650.72
Sewer Operations	455.02
Equipment Fund	343.00
Revolving Fund	<u>15684.26</u>
Total	27537.75

With no further business to come before the Council, A motion was made by J. Martin seconded by T. Grannis to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. All Council members were present. Manager Bennett and several citizens were present. A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0).

Mrs. Elaine DeHaan, Secretary of the Charity Fest Board, relayed concerns they have regarding holding Charity Fest and Yard Sale Days at the same time. The Parks and Recreation Committee and Charity Fest representatives will meet to discuss these concerns.

Mark Anderson and the Council agreed to honor their previous agreement to bring his property into compliance with Village Code.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Site Plan for Bean Trucking contingent upon them working with the Village on the storm sewer connection. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to accept the bid made by NES Worksafe of \$1743.39 to paint stop bars, crosswalks and lines on Orton Street. Roll call vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Martin to allow Manager Bennett to sign a contract with Douglas Wohlberg for \$4900.00 to perform the Village's annual audit. Roll call vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Martin to pass a Resolution to hold a Public Hearing on May 28, 2001 at 7:45 p.m. in order to discuss vacating the alley between Emory Street and Walnut Street in Block 54, Fourth Addition. Roll call vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A discussion was held regarding the semi-trailers on Ensley Street.

A motion was made by Martin seconded by MacTavish to accept the appointments made by President Scott for the 2001/2001 year. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Martin seconded by Grannis to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 30, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All Council members were present, with MacTavish arriving at 6:35 p.m. Manager Bennett and several citizens were also present.

A motion was made by Martin seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to cancel the May 14 and May 28 meetings and have one meeting on May 21, 2001 because of the Memorial Day holiday. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Martin to pass a resolution to hold a public hearing on June 11, 2001 at 7:45 p.m. to discuss vacating the alley between Emory Street and Walnut Street in Block 54, Fourth Addition. Roll Call vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to direct Manager Bennett to meet with Mr. White and reach an agreement by May 4, 2001 on a plan to move his trailers. The plan must include the following: The removal of the trailers will commence immediately and proceed for a time of approximately six months, an average of 8 trailers moved per month will be considered significant progress, no enforcement measures will be initiated unless significant progress shall cease to take place. Motion CARRIED. (4-3)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present except Blanchard. Manager Bennett, Attorney Sluggett and several citizens were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operation reports were given.

Resident Steve Waldner inquired on behalf of Montcalm County Housing residents about purchasing the HUD homes they are currently renting. Manager Bennett will contact Arlene Cook to investigate the matter.

Chris Stapp read a letter to the Council from the full-time employees of the Village expressing their disappointment in the Council's lack of support of the employees desire to form a union.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to go into executive session to discuss a legal opinion. Manager Bennett was appointed Secretary for the session. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Council returned from executive session at 8:17 p.m. President Scott stated the Council would resolve the union issue as soon as MERC makes their recommendation to the Council and that they will expedite the matter to the best of their ability.

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to hold a public hearing on June 25, 2001 at 7:45 p.m. regarding the vacation of Ash Street between Cherry Street and Washburn Street including blocks 68, 70 and 71. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett suggested amending the tree ordinance to address residents planting trees in village right-of-ways. The issue will be discussed at the next Street Committee meeting.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to pay \$2500.00 in dues to the Montcalm Alliance.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to have signs put up in Ensley Park that reserve the volleyball court on Wednesday night for the league that plays there

weekly. There also will be parking signs put up to eliminate parking within the park.

The Council thanked Ms. Denise Phinney's 6th grade class for rolling trash bags for clean up day.

The Council thanked all that donated their time and energy to help modify the pavilion in Ensley Park to add more picnic areas. These included Radle Construction and crew, Mike VanWagner, Chris Stapp, Jack Thomas, Brian Brecker, Marc Bennett, Mike Scott, Terry Toth and Ryan Bennett.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Martin to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General	\$27646.90
Major Streets	1075.77
Local Streets	503.16
Water Operations	491.83
Sewer Operations	4867.94
Local Raised	1165.41
Revolving	1097.93
DDA	330.00
Total	\$37178.94

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council members, Manager Bennett, Attorney Sluggett and several citizens were present.

President read a letter of resignation from Trustee Martin. He has sold his home and is moving out of the area. A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to accept and file the resignation. Motion CARRIED. (6-0) President Scott thanked Mr. Martin for his dedication and service to the community.

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Poprawski to approve the appointment of Tom Harris to fill the Trustee vacancy left by Martin, until the next election. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations reports were given.

Rich Stevens asked the Village to write a letter expressing their intent to proceed with the land swap with the DNR. Manager Bennett believes that a letter has already been sent, but he will check into it and mail another if need be.

President Scott opened a public hearing at 7:48 p.m. to consider the vacation of the alley running North and South between Walnut Street and Emory Street and parallel to and halfway between Orton Street and Willow Street, Block 54, Fourth Addition to the Village of Howard City, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County Michigan.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to close the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to vacate the alley running North and South between Walnut Street and Emory Street and parallel to and halfway between Orton Street and Willow Street, Block 54, Fourth Addition to the Village of Howard City, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County Michigan. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Keith McInnis was present to ask why the Barbershop building on Edgerton Street was being charged for sewer each month even though the building was empty. The Council informed Mr. McInnis that the Village Sewer Ordinance requires a readiness- to -serve charge for any structure that has public sewer.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation that the Northwest quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35 along Washburn Street within the Village of Howard City be rezoned to R-3. (Multi-family residential) Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to approve the following appointments made by President Scott:

Public Services- Tom Harris
Streets Committee- Chuck Blanchard
DDA- Jack Thomas
ZBA- Chris Stapp

Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Poprawski to direct Manager Bennett to solicit bids for a survey and appraisal of the proposed DNR land swap site. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Poprawski to instruct Manager Bennett to inform Mr. White that he needs to move 4 semi-truck trailers by June 25, 2001 and 8 trailers per month for the next 5 months as was the original agreement with the Village. If this doesn't take place on time the fines will commence according to Village Ordinance. Manager Bennett will attempt to have the informal hearing postponed until after June 25, 2001. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Peterman to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General	\$11568.15
Major Streets	883.20
Water	977.34
Sewer	233.34
DDA	<u>495.00</u>
Totals	\$14157.03

With no further business to come before the council, a motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with Trustee Blanchard absent. Manager Bennett and several citizens were present.

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Jackie Kamp of Locust Street was present to express her concern over stray dogs roaming her neighborhood.

Louise Culver of Cass Street expressed concern over the property across the street not being mowed. Manager Bennett has notified the last owner of record and the DPW will mow after the property has been posted for 5 days.

President Scott opened a public hearing to discuss the closing of Ash Street between Cherry Street and Washburn Street including blocks 68, 70 and 71.

Hearing no opposition, a motion was made by Harris seconded by MacTavish to close the public hearing. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to vacate Ash Street between Cherry Street and Washburn Street including Blocks 68, 70 and 71. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to cash the Major Streets CD to pay for the village's unbudgeted portion of the Orton Street Bridge project. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Manager Bennett reported that the ZBA denied Leppinks request for a dimensional variance.

Manager Bennett presented a proposed Address Ordinance for consideration at the July 9, 2001 meeting.

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Scott at 7:30 p.m. with all Council members except B. MacTavish present. Also in attendance were Mgr. Bennett, Supt. VanWagner and several citizens. Motion by B. Peterman second by T. Grannis to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion CARRIED (6-0). The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report, DPW Operations Report and Zoning Report were given.

Motion by T. Harris second by T. Grannis to authorize the manager to register Chris Stapp for a Safe Capture International seminar on August 15 & 16 in Ypsilanti. Motion CARRIED (5-1 Poprawski dissenting).

Mgr. Bennett reported that no bids were received to gravel Birch Run Street and he was instructed to rebid the job with new contractors.

Motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

General Fund	\$ 9,729.1
Major Streets	509.86
Local Streets	306.00
Water Operations	<u>3,082.95</u>
TOTAL	\$14,307.17

Councilman Peterman led discussions on mowing violations, barking dogs and trailers used for storage. Manager Bennett gave updates on these issues.

Councilman Poprawski reported on the success of the first Music in the Park held on July 3rd.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Flayer, Deputy Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Trustees Blanchard and Harris were absent. A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to accept the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Brian Wyman made a presentation to the council on his Eagle Scout project. He and his troupe are going to map all the trees in the Village right-of-ways. He will begin this project in early August.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Mactavish to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Leppink's site plan. Motion CARRIED. (3-2)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Poprawski authorizing Manager Bennett to purchase Nextel cell phones and service. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Brian Hamersma's request for rezoning was tabled until the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the dust that was becoming a problem in the Birch Run Development area. President Scott reported that the village had contacted the engineer and that a water truck was to be used in the future to control the blowing sand.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members, Manager Bennett and Attorney Sluggett were present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations Report were given.

Attorney Sluggett presented the proposed Cable Franchise Agreement. The council will hold a public hearing on September 10, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. to hear public comment on the proposed agreement.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to award the bid for gravel installation on Washburn Street and Birch Run to Dean's Excavating for \$24090.00. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to approve a policy regulating pool filling presented by Manager Bennett. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The council directed Manager Bennett to advertise for bids to sell the International Garbage Packer.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General Fund	\$8098.49
Major Streets	152.73
Local Streets	118.79
Water Operations	1481.15
Sewer Operations	896.21
Revolving	<u>1050.00</u>
Total	\$11797.37

The Council approved changing the Village Office hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the office being closed from 12:00-12:30 for lunch.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to solicit bids for the 3 remaining CD's for a term of 1 year.

Consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve Brian Hamersma's request for rezoning was tabled until the next meeting.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All members were present except Blanchard and MacTavish. Manager Bennett and several citizens were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Jim Brockschmidt of JIS Tire told the Council that he needs two years to bring his property into compliance with Village ordinance. The matter was tabled until the next meeting for a full Council vote.

Keith McInnis was present to voice his concerns over the dust problem in his neighborhood caused by excavation work being done on the Birch Run project. Mr. McInnis and several neighbors have written a letter to Dykstra Excavating asking for assistance in cleaning the outside of their homes. Manager Bennett will call Feenstra and Associates and inquire on their behalf.

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Poprawski to pay the following bills: Moore and Bruggink \$39360.78, Davis Construction \$22622.40 and National Surface Preparation \$4500.00. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Harris to adopt Traffic Control Order #23, making the intersection of Cypress Street and Sycamore Street a three way stop. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Chris Stapp gave a presentation on the Chemical Immobilization of Animals class he participated in last week. The Chemical Projector and accessories will be ordered shortly.

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Poprawski to authorize the President and Clerk to sign contracts with Consumers Energy to provide street lights for the Birch Run project on Washburn Street. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to issue the Charity Fest organizers a parade permit for September 8, 2001. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Manager Bennett presented the Council Brian Hamersma's recorded Declaration of Restriction for his property on Washburn Street.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to re-zone Brian Hamersma's property on Washburn Street from R-1 to R-2. (Single and two family residential) Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members were present except MacTavish.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Poprawski to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations Report were given.

Mrs. Arlene Culver expressed concern over the storm drains and the potholes at the corner of Williams and Ensley. Manager Bennett is aware of the problem and is looking into possible solutions.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to draft an agreement with Jim Brockschmidt of JIS Tire stating that he will move two of his semi-truck trailers immediately and the remainder will be removed within one year when his new building is constructed.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to authorize the drafting of a resolution and petition requesting annexation for the property owners South of Lake Montcalm Road, between Ensley Street and Henkel Road in Pierson Township. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A public hearing for the Cable Franchise Agreement between the Village and Charter Communications was opened at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Louise Culver voiced her concerns over the quality of the cable service in the Village. A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Harris to close the public hearing. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to approve the Cable Franchise Agreement and to authorize the Clerk and President to sign the contract. Roll call vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to adopt a resolution of support for the staging area grant. Roll call vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Harris seconded by Grannis to adopt a resolution of support for the DDA Streetscape grant. Roll call vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

Ron Baker was present to express his concerns over the lack of sidewalks near MacNaughton Elementary School.

The Council directed Manager Bennett to assist the Volleyball league in paying for half of the sand they had put in the volleyball area in Ensley Park.

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Blanchard to issue a parade permit to the High School for their Homecoming Parade on September 21, 2001.
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to pay the bills.
Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General Fund	\$3257.71
Major Streets	39.78
Local Streets	1440.00
Water Operations	604.27
Sewer Operations	<u>86.51</u>
Totals	\$5386.27

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion CARRIED.
(6-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All members were present, with Blanchard arriving at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to adopt Ordinance # 2001-4, an ordinance to establish an addressing system. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Grannis supported by Peterman to adopt Ordinance # 2001-5, the Boca National Property Maintenance Code. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to adopt Ordinance # 2001-6, to amend the schedule of fines for Civil Infractions to include Chapters 161 and 162. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Harris seconded by MacTavish to sell the International Packer to the high bidder for \$50.00. Contingent upon it's removal from Village property within two weeks. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2001

President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members except Blanchard and MacTavish were present. Manager Bennett, Attorney Sluggett and several citizens were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations Report were given.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution # 2001-7 authorizing the President and the Clerk to execute and deliver a petition to the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners to alter the boundaries of the Village to include property owned by Lawrence G. Westervelt, RAS Holding Company L.L.C., Dan Bigelow and Earl A. and Juanita Siterlet. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman directing Mr. Schenk, the property owners requesting annexation's attorney, to prepare a resolution and order for submission to the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to approve payment order #2 for \$83934.60 to Davis Construction for work completed on the well house. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for the Dairy Bear. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the site plan for the Depot. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Poprawski to reallocate the funds that were set aside for police video cameras to purchase police rapid response gear. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Harris seconded by Poprawski to authorize Manager Bennett to solicit bids for the water main installation on Joy Street and to draft a payback agreement between the property owners, with legal fees included in the total project cost. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

The Council set Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

General Fund	\$3974.58
Major Streets	1901.35
Local Streets	1338.67
Local Raised Sts	640.99
Water Operations	2247.82
Sewer Operations	794.50
DDA	<u>756.44</u>
Total	\$11654.35

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

Village of Howard City
125 E. Shaw Street
Howard City, Mi. 49329
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Scott, Grannis, Harris, Peterman, Poprawski. Absent were: MacTavish and Blanchard. Manager Bennett, Superintendent VanWagner and Fire Chief Germain were also present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to pay order #3 for the well house to Davis Construction for \$33708.00. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to award the Joy Street water main project to Dean's Excavating, with a low bid of \$19438.00 contingent upon the necessary amount being placed in escrow with the Village by Brian Hamersma. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Harris seconded by Grannis to adopt Resolution # 2001-8, making changes to the Employee Policy Manual. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Poprawski to reallocate funds to purchase a bed liner for the International for \$1379.14. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

President Scott clarified the costs of the new well house and broke them down as follows: Building- \$25130, Site Work- \$17995, Pumps, piping, electrical- \$84194 General Conditions- \$9181

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Peterman seconded by Harris to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
125 E. Shaw Street
Howard City, Mi. 49329
Proposed Special Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All trustees except Blanchard were present. Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to solicit bids for water main replacement on Willow Street between Park Street and Emory Street. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution # 2001-9, allowing for the transfer of street funds. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander

Village of Howard City
Proposed Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Trustees except Blanchard were present. Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were also present.

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations report were given.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to adopt Resolution #2001-10 a policy relative to the connection to Village-owned utility services. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to approve the Payback Agreement between the Village and Brian Hamersma Builders, LLC. for the Joy Street watermain. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to accept the low bid of \$4256.00 by Sabin Valuation Group for the Appraisal of the DNR owned land for the proposed land swap. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Grannis to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Brian Hamersma's preliminary plat approval of Briarwood on Washburn Street. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

The council thanked Randy Heckman and Terry Toth for volunteering their time to help the DPW vacuum leaves.

A motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Grannis to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (6-0)

General	\$3611.58
Major Streets	3869.42
Local Streets	1320.36
Water Operations	4604.05
Sewer Operations	3590.56
Equipment	<u>2729.10</u>
	\$19725.07

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Absent were Blanchard and Harris. Manager Bennett and Superintendent Van Wagner were present.

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish to accept the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by Poprawski to award the Willow Street watermain project to Opper Excavating with a bid of \$39365.00. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to award the bid for engineering on the stop light at Ensley Street and Shaw Street to Wade Trim for \$5250.00. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

A motion was made by Grannis seconded by MacTavish to cancel the council meeting on December 24, 2001. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

With no further business to come before the council a motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Grannis to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Motion CARRIED. (5-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander, Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2001

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members, Attorney Sluggett, Manager Bennett and Superintendent VanWagner were present.

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations Report were given.

A motion was made by Harris seconded by Poprawski to adopt Resolution #2001-11 a Public, Educational, Governmental Access Channel Policy contingent upon wording received from the attorney making this a calendar of events schedule only. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (6-1 Grannis dissenting)

A motion was made by Peterman seconded by MacTavish adopting Resolution # 2001-12 to approve ballot language for a police services millage. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Peterman to adopt Ordinance #2001-7 amending Section 8 of Chapter 121 of the Village Code allowing the Village Council to set fire hydrant rent by Resolution. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by Harris to adopt Resolution #2001-13 setting the Fire Protection Rate for 2002-2003 at \$1.00 per hydrant. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by Poprawski seconded by MacTavish to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

General	\$5986.87
Major Streets	55.08
Local Raised	30.00
Water Operations	3306.38
Sewer Operations	<u>1781.60</u>
Totals	\$11129.93

The Council thanked Ken Holbrook for volunteering his time and equipment to help relocate the White Pine Trail for the DNR land swap.

The Council thanked Sharon Thomas and Cheryl Scott for decorating the flower boxes at the Village Hall and Village Limit signs with holiday trimmings.

The Council also thanked Mr. Brian Wyman and his boy scout troop for the outstanding job they did with the tree survey as a community service project for Brian's Eagle Scout Badge.

Jerry Poprawski presented the Council with a check for \$1559.21 from the Howard City Historical Society for renovations of the Depot. The Council thanked the Society for their donation.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by MacTavish seconded by Peterman to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion CARRIED.
(7-0)

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Clerk

VILLAGE OF HOWARD CITY
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Mike Scott with all Council members, Mgr. Bennett, Supt. VanWagner, Fire Chief Germain and several citizens present. Motion by T. Grannis second by B. MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting as corrected. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Because of the grant application for a traffic light at the corner of Shaw and Ensley streets was turned down, discussion was held on a solution to the traffic problems at that corner. Manager Bennett was directed to investigate having a traffic study done.

Manager Bennett presented pictures of signs illegally placed along Shaw and Ensley streets. After discussion, the Council directed that letters be sent to the sign owners indicating that the Village will enforce the zoning ordinance and owners will be required to bring the signs into compliance.

Motion by B. MacTavish second by B. Peterman to approve the revised Park Pavilion Rental Policy. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

At 8:00 p.m. President Scott opened a public hearing to consider closing Willow Street between Walnut and Cherry streets. Hearing no objections, the hearing was closed. Motion by B. Peterman second by B. MacTavish to approve the closing of Willow Street, Lisk's First Addition to the Village of Howard City between Walnut and Cherry streets, Blocks 58 & 59. Roll Call Vote. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Motion by T. Grannis second J. Poprawski to approve construction bills totaling \$76,057 to be paid with grant monies. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to approve the amendment to the Employee's Working Agreement to include an employee and volunteer appreciation dinner at the discretion of the Council. Roll Call Vote – Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Motion by B. MacTavish second by B. Peterman to amend the agreement with Consumers Power to include a light on Hemlock Street between Shaw and Chestnut streets. Roll Call Vote – Motion CARRIED (5-2 with Poprawski and martin dissenting).

Superintendent VanWagner thanked everyone involved in the yard sales.

The Council directed that Mgr. Bennett and Clerk Flayer be designated representatives to the Michigan Municipal League Business Meeting as voting members.

Motion by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Flayer, Clerk

**Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by president Scott at 7:30 p.m. with all Council members, Mgr. Bennett, and Attorney Sluggett in attendance. Motion by T. Grannis second by B. MacTavish to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion CARRIED (7-0). The Treasurer's Report, Police Report and Fire Report were given.

Motion by J. Poprawski second by J. Martin to approve Pay Recommendation #4 for \$179,305.81 of grant monies from Moore & Bruggink. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

At 7:45 p.m. President Scott opened a public hearing to consider a request by adjoining property owners to close the alleys in Block 68 of Lisk's First Addition to the Village running between Orton And Ash streets and south from Cherry Street and into the first alley. Motion by J. Martin second by T. Grannis to close the hearing at 7:57 p.m. Hearing no objections, motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to close the alleys. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Mgr. Bennett presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the zoning amendment in regards to non-conforming uses on public land. After lengthy discussion motion by J. Poprawski second by J. Martin to table the matter until the next meeting to gather more information from the school district. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

Mgr. Bennett presented an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance in regards to additional public hearings. Motion by J. Martin second by T. Grannis to adopt Ordinance #2000-9. Roll Call Vote – Ordinance ADOPTED (6-1 with Peterman dissenting).

A traffic order for stop signs at the east and west ends of Zylstra Drive had been submitted by Police Shayler. Motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to approve Traffic order #17 as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0).

A petition was submitted by adjoining property owners to vacate the alley in Block 56 between Emory and Walnut streets. A public hearing was set for 8:00 p.m. September 11, 2000.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion by J. Poprawski second by b. MacTavish to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Flayer, Clerk

**Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2000**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all council members, Manager Bennett and several citizens present. A motion was made by J. Martin and second by B. MacTavish to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2000 meeting. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Resident Dennis Stein asked the Council to amend the fence ordinance to allow for 4-foot chain link fence in his front yard. The current ordinance allows for 3-foot fence. The Council agreed to forward his request to the Planning Commission.

Manager Bennett reported that the Orton Street Bridge project would begin on October 2, 2000. He also reported that the fall clean up will take place on October 20, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and October 21, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Manager Bennett requested the purchase of 10 water meters for the DPW. A motion was made by B. MacTavish second by B. Peterman to approve the purchase of the meters. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Pay recommendation #5 was presented. A motion by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to approve \$64204.56 of grant monies to pay the recommendation. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

A motion was made by J. Martin second by T. Grannis to adopt a resolution to apply for additional funding for the well house. Roll Call Vote- Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett requested a Parade Permit for Tri County schools to hold a Homecoming Parade on September 29, 2000. A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to grant the permit only after approval of the Chief of Police. Motion CARRIED. (7-0)

Manager Bennett mentioned that Brian Spence, a local contractor, donated labor for repairing the Depot roof. The Council extended their thanks to Mr. Spence for his generosity.

With no further business to come before the council, motion by J. Martin second by J. Poprawski to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Kim Alexander, Deputy Clerk

Village of Howard City
Proposed Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2000

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members were present with the exception of C. Blanchard. Manager Bennett, Chief Germain, Superintendent VanWagner and several citizens were present. A motion was made by J. Poprawski and second by J. Martin to approve the minutes of the last council meeting as corrected. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

Manager Bennett explained to the Council that the Village's vacuum has failed and Superintendent VanWagner is looking into alternatives for the remainder of the leaf pick-up.

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by T. Grannis to pass a Resolution to submit a grant for the DDA's Streetscape Project. Roll Call Vote- Resolution ADOPTED (6-0).

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to pass a Resolution to apply for funding from the Transportation Enhancement Program for construction of a staging area and improvements to the White Pine Trail. Roll Call Vote- Resolution ADOPTED (6-0).

Chief Germain gave an update on the clean-up progress at Montcalm Fibre.

A motion was made by T. Grannis second by B. MacTavish to give the employees a \$25.00 gift certificate to Leppinks as a Christmas gift. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

There was a discussion about the ongoing problem with parking on White Street.

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to cancel the scheduled council meeting on December 25, 2000, as it is Christmas. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Kim Alexander, Deputy Clerk

Village of Howard City
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2000

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All council members were present with the exception of C. Blanchard. Manager Bennett and Chief Germain were also present. A motion was made by J. Poprawski and second by J. Martin to approve the minutes of the last council meeting as read. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

The Treasurer's Report, Police Report, Fire Report and DPW Operations Report were given. A suggestion was made to include actual man-hours on the DPW Operations Report. Manager Bennett will inform Superintendent VanWagner of the change.

A motion was made by B. MacTavish and second by J. Poprawski to approve the 2000/2001 amended budget as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to approve Payment Order #6 to Lodestar Construction for the Orton Street Watermain in the amount of \$21,675.29. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

A motion was made by B. MacTavish second by J. Martin to approve Payment Order #6 to Lodestar Construction for the Industrial Park in the amount of \$37,604.57. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to pay Scott Civil Engineering \$63,045.00 for work on the Orton Street Bridge over Tamarack Creek. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

A motion was made by J. Martin second by B. MacTavish to pay Lodestar Construction \$2200.00 for downtime experienced during construction of the Orton Street Watermain. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by J. Martin to pay Moore & Bruggink \$57949.36 for engineering fees. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

A motion was made by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to extend Manager Bennett's contract through January 2001. This will give the Employee Relations Committee time to prepare his evaluation for the January 8, 2001 meeting. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

T. Grannis asked about the Motor Home parked at 216 Emory Street. This problem has been mentioned at several meetings. The homeowner has assured Manager Bennett that it will be moved shortly. Manger Bennett will again follow up with the resident.

A motion was made by J. Martin second by B. MacTavish to pay the bills. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

General Fund	\$ 4583.02
Water Operations	1,582.08
Sewer Operations	747.13
Major Streets	19,579.15
Local Streets	840.00
Locally Raised Streets	920.00
Revolving Fund	<u>985.37</u>
Total	\$29,236.75

With no further business to come before the council, a motion was made by J. Poprawski second by B. MacTavish to adjourn. Motion CARRIED (6-0).

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Alexander
Deputy Clerk