

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: VanWagner, Smith, Bassett, Heckman, Williams and Hagstrom. Absent: MacTavish; Bassett had to leave at 7:08 pm for an emergency.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Deputy Tanis presented the monthly police report for April.

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

Public Comment: None.

A tornado warning came through at 7:05 pm and everyone present was ushered into the hallway for safety. Everyone was brought back in at 7:13 pm.

After discussion, Council would like an update in June from Mike Falcon regarding meetings regarding police services and possible alternatives for police services.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Williams to approve the closing of Edgerton Street on December 14, 2024, from 4pm – 9pm for the downtown business' Christmas event. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Smith to approve the 2024-4 Resolution of Intent to Purchase Fire Truck. Roll Call Vote: Hagstrom, yea; Smith, yea; VanWagner, nay; Williams, yea; Heckman, yea. Motion CARRIED (4-1)

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to approve Village Manager Mike Falcon to sign a contract with Spencer Manufacturing for the purchase of a fire truck on March 1, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Hagstrom, yea; Smith, yea; VanWagner, nay; Williams, yea; Heckman, yea. Motion CARRIED (4-1)

The Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library Board President, Sharon McInnis, presented a proposal to the Council regarding the library taking over the Depot and renovating the space. It was requested to hold a special DDA meeting in order to bring the proposal to that board and bring back their recommendation to the June Council meeting.

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to go into a closed session at 7:58 for discussion of the manager's contract. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Hagstrom to re-open the meeting at 8:28. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Hagstrom to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$1,749.82 for a total of \$170,797.19. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by VanWagner to approve the Brush Policy with the removal of when brush can be put out at the curb. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Council approved Grace Community Church to put up signs for the Corn Roast.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Hagstrom to accept the one bid submitted for lift station cleaning from Plummers for \$2,190.00. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the incident from September 2023 has been turned into the Village insurance for them to process.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the flags will be put up again this year at the Venue on Ensley for Memorial Day.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Williams seconded by VanWagner to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm. Motion CARRIED (5-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President