

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Falcon met with Nugent Builders regarding the Band Shell project. Mr. Falcon will have plans to present to the Council at the October 16 meeting.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by VanWagner to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$12,633.84 for a total of \$109,887.69. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Council set a public hearing date of October 16, 2023, to vacate portion of Emory Street so documentation is on file stating it is vacated.

Council does not want to renegotiate the American Tower contract and requested Mr. Falcon to inform American Tower of this decision.

Mr. Falcon updated the Council on the Clean Water Grant/Loan in which the Village was not selected to receive any funding. Mr. Falcon stated he has been in contact with a State Senator and State Representative to state our case and see if there is anything they can do to help us find funding.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by VanWagner to renew the Michigan Trails advertising splitting the cost with the DDA. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Council would like to cancel the contract with Maurer's Textile Rental Services once it is expired in March. The Village will purchase five short and long sleeve shirts for DPW workers and then provide a stipend each year after for the DPW workers to purchase replacements as needed.

Mr. Falcon presented Council with information regarding the Montcalm Panhandle Community Fund fundraising goal.

Council agreed to uphold their vote regarding hosting of ducks at 332 Orton from the August 21, 2023, meeting in which ducks will not be allowed to be kept within the Village.

Mr. Falcon met with the Pizza Café and Senior Center in which they requested to host a Hometown Christmas on Edgerton on December 16 and close off Edgerton for the event. Council agreed to allow the event and close off Edgerton. President Heckman stated if any event is going on Edgerton Street that it should be brought before Council for prior approval.

Public Comment: None.

President Heckman thanked Mitchell and Emily Trann for stopping up and organizing Harvest Festival this year. He stated it was a very good event and appreciated their time.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)