

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Hagstrom to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$82,132.18 for a total of \$148,904.76. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that there will be a Grand Opening at CENTURY 21 Rockgate on Friday, May 19, 2023, from 3 pm – 7 pm. There will be a ribbon cutting for this event and the Village should be represented.

Motion by Williams seconded by VanWagner to approve the content of the Marihuana Application. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Hagstrom to ban the minor who damaged a park camera for a period of time to be determined depending upon adjudication. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to approve Ordinance 2023-3 to Amend Chapter 93 Entitled Parks and Recreation. Roll Call Vote: Bassett, aye; Hagstrom, aye; Smith, aye; VanWagner, aye; Williams, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Hagstrom to approve the Policy on Removal or Ban and Bar from Village Facilities/Property. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that there will not be port-a-johns at Peck Park or Artman Park due to the amount of vandalism last year. Anyone who will be renting Artman Park will need to rent their own port-a-john.

Council gave permission for Tri County Community Church to hold a community event at Ensley Park on September 10, 2023, from 2 pm – 7 pm which will include a small fire in a fire pit.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the Village of Howard City Fire Department received an official Thank You letter from State Senator Outman and State Representative Outman for all the hard work the fire department does in this community.

Public Comment: Lori Kropenwicki inquired about the COVID store on Edgerton Street and inquired about the approval process for applications received for marihuana businesses in the Village.

Sharon Ogren of Edgerton Giftery stated there have been issues with kids riding skateboards and bikes in front of buildings on Edgerton and is concerned for resident safety. Ms. Ogren also stated she will be having a massage therapist at her store on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 11 am – 3 pm.

Trustee Smith stated she has a contact person to make bike racks and that the Sheriff Deputy told the individuals who took the soap dispenser from the library and smashed it in the Depot restroom to let all their friends know there are cameras.

Fire Chief Heckman informed Council that the fire department will be taking a truck to Six Lakes for the funeral of their fire chief. Chief Heckman also stated he reached out to the Superintendent Al Cumings to take a tour of the new school to check for safety.

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President