

****PROPOSED****

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2024

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

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 May.

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to open the public hearing regarding 568 W. Shaw, 59-047-252-002-00. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Public Comment: Mr. Falcon presented Council with the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding 568 W. Shaw. Trustee VanWagner inquired about the parcel size. There was no further public comment.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to close the public hearing at 7:05 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams that since this property is zoned commercial, our Master Plan and DDA plans have it as commercially zoned, other businesses are being run next to this parcel and the fact that Laura Ensley of ALP Properties, LLC, bought and used this property commercially that we deny Mrs. Ensley's request to change the current commercial zone to residential. Roll Call Vote: Bassett, aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; VanWagner, aye; Williams, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Bassett to approve the 2024 Investment Policy as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by VanWagner to approve the Village to lease the Depot land to the Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Library for up to 50 years pending both parties' attorneys' lease review. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to approve the contract renewal with Vredevelde Haefner as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Council approved the Harvest Festival Queen's request to do a chalk event in Ensley Park on August 3, 2024.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Williams to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$22,011.47 for a total of \$54,330.13. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon updated Council on his discussion with Village of Lakeview Village Manager/Police Chief. Lakeview would like to provide services; however, they are unable to find enough officers at this time to be able to serve both communities.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the Village received a \$10,000 grant that will be placed in the new fire truck fund. Chief Heckman also stated the fire department has submitted one grant and is almost ready to submit a second one.

Mr. Falcon presented information regarding Ax MI Tax to Council.

Mr. Falcon informed Council he will be out of town the week of June 24-28, 2024.

Public Comment: Mike Smith would like to see a change in the sign ordinance for garage sales. Commissioner Baker informed Council that the County has been discussing excess funds and how and where they would like to distribute these funds throughout the County.

Mr. Falcon updated Council on the Band Shell. Concrete was supposed to start last week; however, nothing has been done as yet. He has contacted Nugent Builders but has not heard anything back. Mr. Falcon has also been in contact with the company regarding resurfacing the tennis courts and has not heard back from them.

President Heckman inquired about the splash pad grant that was submitted. Mr. Falcon stated the Village would not be notified of the status until mid to late July.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President