

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2024

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: VanWagner, Hagstrom, Heckman, MacTavish, Williams, Smith, and Bassett. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to approve the agenda with the addition of B-5) Set official date for Village Christmas Tree lighting and B-6) Review Village sale of equipment policy. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Deputy Lincoln presented the police report for January 2024.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Smith to go into closed session to go over the Village Manager annual review. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Smith to re-open the meeting. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Williams to approve the Village Manager evaluation process and approve a four (4) year contract starting at \$85,000 per year. Roll Call Vote: Bassett, aye; Hasgtrom, aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; VanWagner, aye; Williams, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to approve the 2024 Fee Schedule to go into effect March 1, 2024. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

There was no discussion or questions regarding the 2023-2024 Second Amended Budget or the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget.

Motion by Smith seconded by Hagstrom to set the Village Tree Lighting date to be the first Saturday in December every year. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

There was discussion regarding the Village procedure for selling equipment.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$22,275.59 for a total of \$83,738.07. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Discussion regarding downtown events to beheld on August 17 and June 22, 2024, was tabled until next meeting in March in order to get more details from the event coordinators.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the DPW Union Contract is officially over effective February 20, 2024.

Council approved renting a street sweeper for one week during this summer.

Mr. Falcon asked for ideas for a new Council table in the Council room.

Mr. Falcon asked if a Council member would be attending the Howard City Area Chamber dinner to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. President Heckman stated he would attend the dinner on behalf of the Village.

Public Comment: Blaine Gebhardt inquired if a copy of the proposed budget was available. Ms. Gebhardt also inquired about the equipment selling procedure and thought it would be beneficial to the public to discuss the procedure prior to voting.

Motion by Williams seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President