

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Deputy Tanis presented the monthly police report for July.

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

Public Comment: William DeVries from 133 E. Edgerton, Apt. 3., stated his thoughts regarding a confederate flag being flown along with an American flag during a public parade a few weeks ago.

Deb Becker-Fountain expressed her thanks to the Village for supporting the Music Festival.

Doug Vredevelde presented Council with the 2023-2024 audit presentation. He gave the Village a clean/unmodified rating, as he went over key points in the audit; and stated that overall the Village is in a good financial position.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to approve the bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$3,304.35 for a total of \$286,374.30. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon received Council approval for Pizza Café to reschedule the August 17 event to September 8 due to weather.

Council would like to see a policy from Mr. Falcon regarding the Village accepting used oil as Mr. Falcon has seen an increase in non-residents dropping off large amounts of oil.

Public Comment: Dan Edwards inquired about the FortisHealth building.

A member of the library inquired about the lease agreement between the Village and the library regarding the Depot area. She was informed that the matter is at our attorney's office.

President Heckman inquired about the Splash Pad Grant. Mr. Falcon has not heard anything from the DNR yet. President Heckman inquired about basketball courts. Mr. Falcon is waiting to hear back from a company regarding the cement. President Heckman inquired about the band shell. Mr. Falcon is waiting for Consumers to hook up electricity, so the builders can then finish the band shell.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President