

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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

Public Comment: Resident at 332 Orton stated he received a notice regarding an ordinance violation for having ducks and asked for permission from Council to keep the animals.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Bassett to add 332 Orton duck request to the agenda.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by MacTavish to allow the ducks to remain on the property until the next Council meeting once a survey of the neighbors has been completed and to have 332 Orton follow the same requirements as the chicken permitting until such time. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Bassett to pay bills as presented totaling \$75,613.20. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon discussed the current brush policy with Council. Council requested to get pricing on buying a chipper and contacting chipping companies to get prices to subcontract the work for discussion at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Falcon informed Council he had been approached about the yard sale ordinance currently in place. Council would like to see a draft of a revised ordinance at the next Council meeting.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish for the Village to follow the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Bassett to accept the bid for the Village Office/Council Room painting bid from Painting Services of West Michigan for \$8,800.44. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to approve the accept the bid for the Village Office flooring bid from Ritsema & Associates for \$14,995.00. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by MacTavish seconded by VanWagner to approve paying the renewal of the Protec dues of \$229.38. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Williams to approve the quote for work to be completed on the lift station grinder pump from Saveco North America, Inc., for \$6,379.60. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon stated the ribbon cutting for the recycle bins was today and the event went very well. The recycle bins are up and fully functional. Mr. Falcon also encouraged Council members to attend a ribbon cutting to be held on Wednesday, July 19, at 10 am at 1001 S. Ensley for a grand opening of a new event center. Mr. Falcon reminded Council that July 29 will be an extremely busy day in the Village with the food truck rally, craft show, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, and car show. Mr. Falcon also reminded Council of the Music Festival that will be held on Saturday, August 5.

Public Comment: A resident stated concerns regarding how run off is being directed from the apartment buildings on Edgerton Street.

Trustee Williams reminded Council of Music in the Park every Tuesday from 7-9 pm.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President