

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by VanWagner to set the SRF Grant Public Hearing for April 17, 2023. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish for the Village to become a member of the Howard City Area Chamber of Commerce at the \$500 Diamond tier. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon requested that any trustee who would be interested in attending the free seminar sponsored by the Montcalm County Planning Commission to respond to him by March 24 so the Village can RSVP with the number of attendees.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Bassett to approve Planning Commissioners to receive \$45.00 per meeting pay. Motion CARRIED (5-1)

Motion by Williams seconded by Bassett to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$514.58 for a total of \$124,331.31. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by VanWagner seconded by MacTavish to approve Mr. Falcon entering into the five-year contract with Cummins for generator maintenance. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Bassett seconded by VanWagner to allow Mr. Falcon to move forward on working with the Village attorneys to develop an ordinance to allow up to three marijuana adult-use dispensaries with an application fee schedule of \$5,000 for the first year, \$2,500 for both second and third years allowing for attorney recommendations. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that we have had damage occur to one of our park cameras and were able to find the juvenile responsible. The parents will be receiving a bill for the camera repair.

Public Comment: Dave Saucier informed Council that Reynolds Township held an emergency meeting to correct the number of facilities to be allowed in the township from nine to two. Mr. Saucier also stated there will be a Harvest Festival meeting next month to see if anyone is willing to take over the festival and if there will be a festival at all.

Chad Dykhouse and his brother requested Council reconsider their decision for not allowing marijuana growing facilities in the Village as they are interested in starting a business in Howard City.

Trustee Bassett requested that the fire department adopt a dress code. Fire Chief Heckman and Mr. Falcon will sit down and work on a dress code policy.

Fire Chief Heckman stated he currently has five people going through fire academy and has purchased shirts for these cadets as they are having a graduation ceremony within the next couple of weeks.

President Heckman reminded Council about the Easter Egg Scramble on April 1, at 11 am at Ensley Park.

Motion by Williams seconded by Bassett to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President