

Village of Howard City  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 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 MacTavish seconded by VanWagner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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

Public Comment: Peggy Peterman inquired about police protection in the Village.

Doug Vredeveld from Vredeveld Haefner LLC, presented the 2022-2023 Audit and stated the audit was submitted as an unmodified report.

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by MacTavish to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$3,766.75 for a total of \$46,919.92. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Williams to deny the duck request at 332 Orton. Roll call vote: Bassett, nay; Hagstrom, aye; MacTavish, aye; Smith, aye; VanWagner, nay; Williams, aye; Heckman, aye. Motion CARRIED (5-2)

Mr. Falcon discussed budgeting for the purchase of a chipper for the next fiscal year in which Council agreed.

Motion by VanWagner seconded by Bassett to adopt the 2023-06 Repeal of Garage Sale Ordinance. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Council decided to deny the acceptance of the donation received from Fortis Health.

Mr. Falcon will bring the American Tower contract to Council at the next meeting to discuss options of renegotiating, allowing a buy-out, or leave as is for the current contract.

Council approved the purchase of the water supplies needed to be compliant with the state for a total of \$10,600.00.

Mr. Falcon stated all the events in the Village so far this year have been huge successes and thanked everyone who planned and participated in each event. Council approved the Library to host the Food Truck Rally again for the last Saturday in July 2024.

Mr. Falcon informed Council of a water main break and sewer line back-up that DPW dealt with over the past two weeks and stated our DPW workers did a great job in handling the issues.

Mr. Falcon attended a court hearing regarding the juvenile who has had multiple charges brought against him. There will be another court date within the next month once all evidence is obtained in order to try the juvenile.

Mr. Falcon thanked everyone for the support and condolences over the past couple of weeks.

Public Comment: Commissioner Baker stated the Commissioners will be adopting their budget next month. Mr. Baker also stated the recycle program here has had positive comments; however, would like the signage to be more clear as some say it is confusing.

Trustee Hagstrom thanked the Village for putting up the memorial bench at the ballfields.

Trustee MacTavish stated he has noticed issues with dirt bikes in town.

Trustee VanWagner stated main complaints he heard regarding Music in the Park were the mosquitoes.

Trustee Williams wanted to thank DPW worker Ben Pirkola for attending the Music in the Parks concerts. She appreciated him stepping in to help when needed.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Hagstrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

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Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

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Randy Heckman, President