

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Smith seconded by Bassett to approve the agenda with the addition of B-6) Update on IPADs for Council. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

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

Public Comment: None

Motion by Williams seconded by Smith to accept President Heckman as interim zoning administrator to sign documents as needed. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by Hagstrom seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2020-1 Percentage Employer/Employee Health Care Cost. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Motion by VanWagner with no second to send 485 N Muenscher Special Land Use back to Planning Commission. Motion FAILED. Motion by Hagstrom seconded by VanWagner to table discussion in order to gather more information. Motion FAILED (3-3). Motion by Hagstrom seconded by VanWagner to table the discussion of 485 N Muenscher Special Land Use for one month to gather information. Motion CARRIED (5-1)

Motion by Williams seconded by VanWagner to approve Resolution 2020-2 Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

After discussion about Parcel #59-047-252-002-00, 568 W. Shaw Street, Council directed Manager Falcon to start proceedings to change this residential property to be zoned commercial as it is directly within the commercial district as it has been unoccupied over the past year and may be up for sale.

Council asked the Clerk to check into pricing for HP Notebooks for Council members and bring pricing back to next month's meeting.

Motion by Williams seconded by Hagstrom to pay bills with the additions presented by the Treasurer of \$25,833.71 for a total of \$127,389.71. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Mr. Falcon informed Council that after discussion with our DPW regarding the Village of Sand Lake, our DPW workers asked about working for Sand Lake on their off time. Mr. Falcon discussed the situation with the Village's labor attorney and was informed this is not an outright conflict of interest; however, it could be if any work and / or paperwork is accomplished while on the clock for the Village of Howard City.

Mr. Falcon informed Council he had been approached about overnight parking at the Depot for White Pine Trail use. Council agreed to a trial run to allow people using the trail to park overnight. Mr. Falcon will contact the Sheriff Department to make sure they keep an eye on the vehicles parked there to make sure transients are not parked there.

Mr. Falcon asked that a member of Council attend Music in the Park for July 21. VanWagner agreed to pick up the band check and take care of things at the park.

Mr. Falcon informed Council there is a new Small Business Restart plan grant process for Montcalm County businesses affected by COVID-19 and encouraged Council to let any and all businesses know of these grants and to apply.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the chipper will be here either Wednesday or Thursday. Due to vacations and emergency situations that have come up over the past couple of weeks, we have been down employees and they are doing their best to get things done.

Mr. Falcon informed Council that the road commission will begin chip sealing Shaw Street and doing a mill and fill on White Street within the next couple of weeks.

Public Comment: Rich Pease, Pease Insurance Agency, 519 E. Shaw St., addressed the council regarding the property at 485 Muenscher. He encouraged coming to a compromise on this property to allow a business to occupy the building.

Floyd Lindsey of Newaygo and owner of 485 Muenscher, addressed the council regarding his property. He wants to be able to open his business at this address.

Motion by Williams seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Motion CARRIED (6-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President