

Village of Howard City
Council Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2017

President Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Smith, Hacko, MacTavish, Williams, Bassett, Hagstrom, and Heckman. 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 Hacko seconded by Williams to accept the consent agenda with the change to November 20 minutes adding Williams as present. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Public Comment: Dave Saucier asked if the donation to the 150th Celebration would be addressed.

Motion by Smith seconded by Williams to accept the 2018 Meeting Schedule. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Hacko seconded by MacTavish to allow the Village Manager to carry over 36 hours of vacation time to 2018. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

A budget workshop was scheduled for January 29, 2018, at 5:30 pm.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Hacko to accept, once approved, the 150th Celebration letter to be sent to all dignitaries and for the Village to donate \$2,500 to the 150th Celebration for events. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Motion by Williams seconded by Bassett to pay bills as presented totaling \$153,576.51. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon addressed the Council regarding medical marijuana and informed the Council that he has had a couple of investors approach him regarding a growing/processing/testing/transport facility to be set up in our Industrial District. President Heckman would like Mr. Falcon to contact different individuals to represent the pros and cons on this topic and set up a meeting date in which everyone can come to discuss the situation. Mr. Falcon asked the Council to think of different ideas of what the Village can do regarding the Spring clean-up and bring these ideas to the January 29 budget workshop.

Motion by MacTavish seconded by Bassett to increase the Ensley Park rental fee to \$40 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Mr. Falcon reminded the Council of the retreat that is scheduled for March 10, 2018, with Lew Bender.

Trustee Bassett asked if the empty Council position had been advertised anywhere. He also stated he had several people approach him regarding the snow plowing over the past weekend. Trustee Smith also stated she had received several complaints as well. Mr. Falcon informed the Council of what the plan was to take care of the roads and said he is in contact with the Sheriff's office to make sure roads are not dangerous. He will call DPW in to plow when needed.

Motion by Hacko seconded by MacTavish to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Motion CARRIED (7-0)

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President