

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting  
March 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
Village Hall Board Room**

**Call to Order**

Village President Burt R. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Village President Burt R. McIntyre; Ron Bredael, Trustee Wards 1 & 2; Cathy Hughes, Trustee Wards 5 & 6; Mike Hoppe, Trustee Wards 7 & 8; Ray Suennen, Trustee Wards 11 & 12; Adam Lemorande, Trustee Wards 13-14 & 18; Craig McAllister, Wards 15-17

Excused: Chris Nielsen, Trustee Wards 3 & 4; Jim Lemorande, Trustee Wards 9 & 10

Also (staff): Paul Evert, Chris Haltom, Dave Wiese, Geoff Farr, Chief Don Phillips, Deputy Brandon Dhuey, Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

**The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**B. McIntyre confirmed the Village Board's compliance with state open meeting laws.**

**Approve Agenda**

C. Hughes moved to approve the agenda. C. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Appearance by State  
Assembly representatives**

Rep. David Steffen, Rep. John Nygren, and Rep. Jim Steineke came forward to discuss highlights from the most recent state legislative session.

Rep. Steffen said he continues to work on Dark Store legislation. He's the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, which is pushing for better financing for fiscally responsible municipalities that don't currently qualify for certain state aid programs.

Rep. John Nygren said the Legislature has done a good job of reducing personal property taxes without greatly impacting municipal budgets and continues to work on revising the school funding formulas to meet current needs. He said he's continuing to work on funding for the District Attorney program and hopes to eventually add 54 positions, including two in Brown County.

Rep. Steineke said as the Assembly majority leader, his primary job is to work with all the representatives from throughout the state to identify priority needs and guide them to get the work done efficiently. He said the legislature has done a good job of revising wetland regulations to ensure that larger, valuable wetland areas that are part of navigable waterways are protected, while smaller pockets are allowed to be filled to support desperately needed development. He said he continues to push for an increase in transportation funds to local governments.

The board asked a number of questions and participated in discussion of a number of topics, including Dark Store legislation, cell tower siting rules, assessment policies, and the legislative process.

### **Public Appearances**

John Hemmen, 452 Woodfield Drive, said he has concerns about the closed session item (the potential purchase of Parcel VH-654, located at 2055 Memorial Drive), specifically what the purchase price would be and how the village would use it.

Ken Roper, 727 Fredrick Court, asked for the date of early voting. C. Haltom said early voting runs through Friday of this week.

### **Future Agenda Items/ Announcements**

None.

### **Consent Agenda**

C. McAllister moved to approve the consent agenda. M. Hoppe seconded. C. McAllister pulled items 5g (i-iv) for discussion. **The motion carried unanimously.** The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:

**Village Board meeting minutes from March 12, 2018**

**Plan Commission meeting minutes from March 19, 2018**

**Municipal invoices totaling \$859,785.89, paid with checks #61748-61835**

**Construction Change Order #5 for the Howard Commons Apartments roadway project involving a \$600 increase**

**Construction Change Order #6 for the Howard Commons Apartments roadway project involving a \$5,625 increase**

**Construction Change Order #1 for the Lineville lighting project involving a \$406.50 decrease**

**Operators licenses for the following individuals:**

- i. Nicole S. Dal Santo
- ii. Stephanie McClure

### **Plan Commission Items**

C. McAllister asked staff if any of the Plan Commission items would cause special assessments to be charged to anyone other than the respective developers. Staff confirmed that there won't be. C. McAllister moved to approve the following Plan Commission items:

- i. The Preliminary Plat for Woodfield Estates
- ii. The Final Plat of The Cottages at Hidden Creek
- iii. The Final Plat of Century Estates 1<sup>st</sup> Addition
- iv. The Final Plat of Woodland Ridge Reserve

R. Suennen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

### **New Business**

**Woodale Estates trail  
and park plans**

P. Evert explained that the current plat of Woodale Estates includes a trail easement from the development to Beechwood Court. However, staff would rather put a park on one of two other lots in the subdivision, which would negate the need for a trail that links to a neighborhood with no sidewalks. The board discussed. M. Hoppe moved to eliminate the trail connection on the Woodale Estates Plat and investigate lot 27 or 28 for a playground. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Receive public comments  
for annual stormwater  
report**

B. McIntyre invited the public to comment on the Village of Howard's storm water management permit requirements, planning, actions and annual report. Nobody spoke.

**MS4 management report  
And TMDL plan**

G. Farr reviewed the Village of Howard's annual MS4 storm water management report and TMDL implementation plan. The board discussed. M. Hoppe moved to approve the MS4 storm water management report and TMDL implementation plan. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

C. Hughes moved to convene to closed session. M. Hoppe seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board convened to closed session at 7:21 p.m.**

**OPEN SESSION**

C. Hughes moved to re-convene to open session. R. Bredael seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board re-convened to open session at 7:29 p.m.**

**ACTION**

C. McAllister moved to purchase Parcel VH-654, located at 2055 Memorial Drive, for \$9,000. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried 6-1 (No: M. Hoppe).**

**Adjourn**

R. Bredael moved to adjourn. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening  
Administrative Assistant