

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting
Sept. 14, 2020 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

In Person: Village President Burt R. McIntyre; Trustee Chris Nielsen, Wards 3 & 4; Trustee Cathy Hughes, Wards 5 & 6; Trustee John Muraski, Wards 7 & 8; Trustee Scott Beyer, Wards 9 & 10; Trustee Ray Suennen, Wards 11 & 12; Trustee Adam Lemorande, Wards 13-14 & 18; Trustee Craig McAllister, Wards 15-17

By Phone: Trustee Maria Lasecki, Wards 1 & 2

Also, staff in person: Paul Evert, Chris Haltom, Ed Janke, Dave Wiese, Geoff Farr, Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Appearances

The following people spoke during public appearances.

1. Attorney David Hassel of Green Bay spoke in support of Hannah Lundin, who was cited by the Village of Howard, for organizing a protest in July that obstructed traffic. He said the restitution that the village is seeking far exceeds any costs that were occurred, and the citation should be rescinded
2. Kellie Delveaux of Green Bay said she was part of the protest in July, and the organizers are being charged for protection services that weren't provided because counter protesters were allowed to harass and threaten them during the event and after they left. She asked for the citation and restitution to be rescinded.
3. Christina Arts of Ashwaubenon said whether the board chooses to uphold or to rescind the citation will be the message they send to the community.
4. Tevin Taylor of Green Bay said it's totally inappropriate to give citations and charge \$7,000 for a two-hour peaceful protest, and the board will be held accountable if they don't rescind them.
5. Frank Ingram, 1460 Maple Hills Drive, said the protest went near his house, and he didn't even hear it or know about it so he thinks it was totally unnecessary for the village to have sent numerous police officers and several fire trucks in response.
6. Renee Gasch of De Pere said she attended a similar protest held in De Pere. She said the city sent two police cars – one to lead the protest and one to follow. After the protest, the mayor issued a statement of support. She said the Village of Howard could take a lesson from the way her city handled the same situation.
7. Cheyenne Vervoort of Little Chute said she was one of the drivers that attended the protest and was cited with multiple violations well after the event ended. She said during the event, the police never approached her or pulled her over to let her know there was any problem, and she's unaware of anything she

- did that would have led to a citation. She said the counter protesters, however, were causing hazards by riding bikes and vehicles into and around the group and were never cited.
8. Stacy Hobbs of De Pere spoke in support of Hannah Lundin and said she hopes the village will rescind the citation and send a message that black lives do matter.
 9. Hannah Lundin of De Pere said the peaceful protest was an attempt to send a message that black lives matter. She said they never felt safe during the two hours they were in Howard, and the counter protesters were the only ones with whom the police interacted and offered protection.
 10. Elizabeth Calaway, 2690 Shade Tree Lane, said she witnessed the event and decided to join it because she wanted to help keep the protesters safe from the trucks that the counter protesters were driving. She was cited as a driver in the protest, even though she joined in the middle of the event, but the drivers of the counter protest vehicles weren't.

Future Agenda Items/ Announcements

B. McIntyre announced that former Village President and Trustee George Speaker passed away earlier this month.

Communications

R. Suennen moved to approve the consent agenda. C. Nielsen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously**, and the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- i. Thank you note to the Howard Police Department from Ella Vander Loop
- ii. Thank you cards to County Rescue and Howard Fire Department from Cardinal Ridge residents and staff
- iii. Thank you to the Howard Public Safety from Julie Adams
- iv. Email from Susan Tegen re: Duck Creek Quarry

Consent Agenda

C. McAllister moved to approve the consent agenda. J. Muraski seconded. **The motion carried unanimously**, and the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Village Board meeting minutes from Aug. 24, 2020

Receipt of the Plan Commission meeting minutes from Aug. 17, 2020

Municipal Invoices paid with checks #69478 – 69606 totaling \$1,414,771.35

Operator's Licenses for the following individuals:

Tyler E. Courchaine
Rachel J. Classen
Sabrina M. Duval
Darlene J. Kane
Catherine J. Moeller
Rebecca A. Rasmussen
Arianna D. Sepulveda
Elizabeth A. Williams
Sarah M. Wolf

New Business

Sharing CARES Act funds with school district

P. Evert reviewed the proposal to donate any unused portion of the village's CARES Act funding to the Howard-Suamico School District. Mark Smith and Kyle Siech from the school district provided a presentation of potential items, supplies, and technology they'd like to purchase to improve school safety and learning accessibility during the pandemic, as well as the cost breakdown of each.

The board discussed. M. Lasecki moved to direct staff to work with the Howard-Suamico School District and the State of Wisconsin to donate items to the district that will be reimbursed by the state with CARES ACT money. R. Suennen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Comprehensive Land Use Plan for western Howard

D. Wiese reviewed the section of the Comprehensive Plan that proposes the land use and development of the western portion of the village. He explained that the reconstruction of the VV interchange will spur new development, and that a 10-year Comprehensive Plan update will begin soon. The board discussed. **No action was taken.**

2021 Budget Policies

C. Haltom reviewed the proposed policies for the 2021 Budget. The board discussed. A. Lemorande moved to approve the 2021 Budget Policies. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2021 Budget Calendar

C. Haltom reviewed the proposed timeline to discuss and act on the 2021 Budget. R. Suennen moved to approve the 2021 Budget Calendar. C. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Well permitting and abandonment process

G. Farr reviewed proposed changes to the village's well permitting and abandonment process that would eliminate inconsistencies in code references and other language. The board discussed. C. McAllister moved to approve Ordinance 2020-06, regarding the Village of Howard well permitting and abandonment process. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Reports of Village Officials

E. Janke reported on the Duck Creek Quarry and offered a comparison of police response calls in 2019 versus 2020. He said the difference is due to the crowd control that resulted from the residents-only policy.

CLOSED SESSION

J. Muraski moved to enter into closed session. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board convened to closed session at 8:07 p.m.**

OPEN SESSION

C. McAllister moved to return to open session. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board re-convened to open session at 8:35 p.m.**

Adjourn

C. McAllister moved to adjourn. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned at 8:36 p.m.**

Recorded by: Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening, Administrative Assistant