



Meeting: Village Board
Meeting Date: November 25, 2013
Agenda Item: 6e

Mission Statement
To provide our residents with a safe, friendly, attractive and active community by aggressively pursuing innovative ways to deliver valuable services.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Burt R. McIntyre, President
Village Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM: Paul F. Evert

AGENDA ITEM: 6e Review and discuss a change to the Village Hunting Map to make VH-503, 3215 Shawano Avenue, gun and bow hunting permitted.

ACTION REQUESTED: Ordinance Resolution Motion Receive/File

POLICY ISSUE

Should the Village Board make revisions to the Village Hunting Map to allow the use of shotguns on 3215 Shawano Avenue, parcel VH-503.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In general the Village ordinance prohibits the discharge of weapons with various exceptions. The major exception to the prohibition allows the use of shotguns on larger tracks of land. VH-503, a 120-acre parcel located at 3215 Shawano Avenue, is currently restricted to bow hunting only. However, for many years Village Administrators have used the pest control exemption in the ordinance as a way to issue a permit to members of the Schmechel/Meacham family to hunt with shotguns on the property. This is somewhat of a stretch of the intention of the pest control permit provision of the ordinance.

Bearing in mind that there have been no reported problems with the use of shotguns on this property, it is the staff recommendation that the Village Board amend the hunting map to allow the use of shotguns on VH-503.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

The Board most recently amended the ordinance and hunting map in 2013 to remove from the hunting area the addition to the Valley Brook subdivision.

FISCAL IMPACT:

1. Is There A Fiscal Impact?	<u>No</u>
2. Is it Currently Budgeted?	<u>NA</u>
3. If Budgeted, Which Line?	<u>NA</u>

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Village staff recommends the Village Board amend the hunting map to show VH-503 as gun allowed. An appropriate motion would be *“a motion to amend the Village Hunting map to show VH-503 as Gun and/or Bow hunting allowed.”*

POLICY ALTERNATIVE(S)

The Village Board could take the following actions:

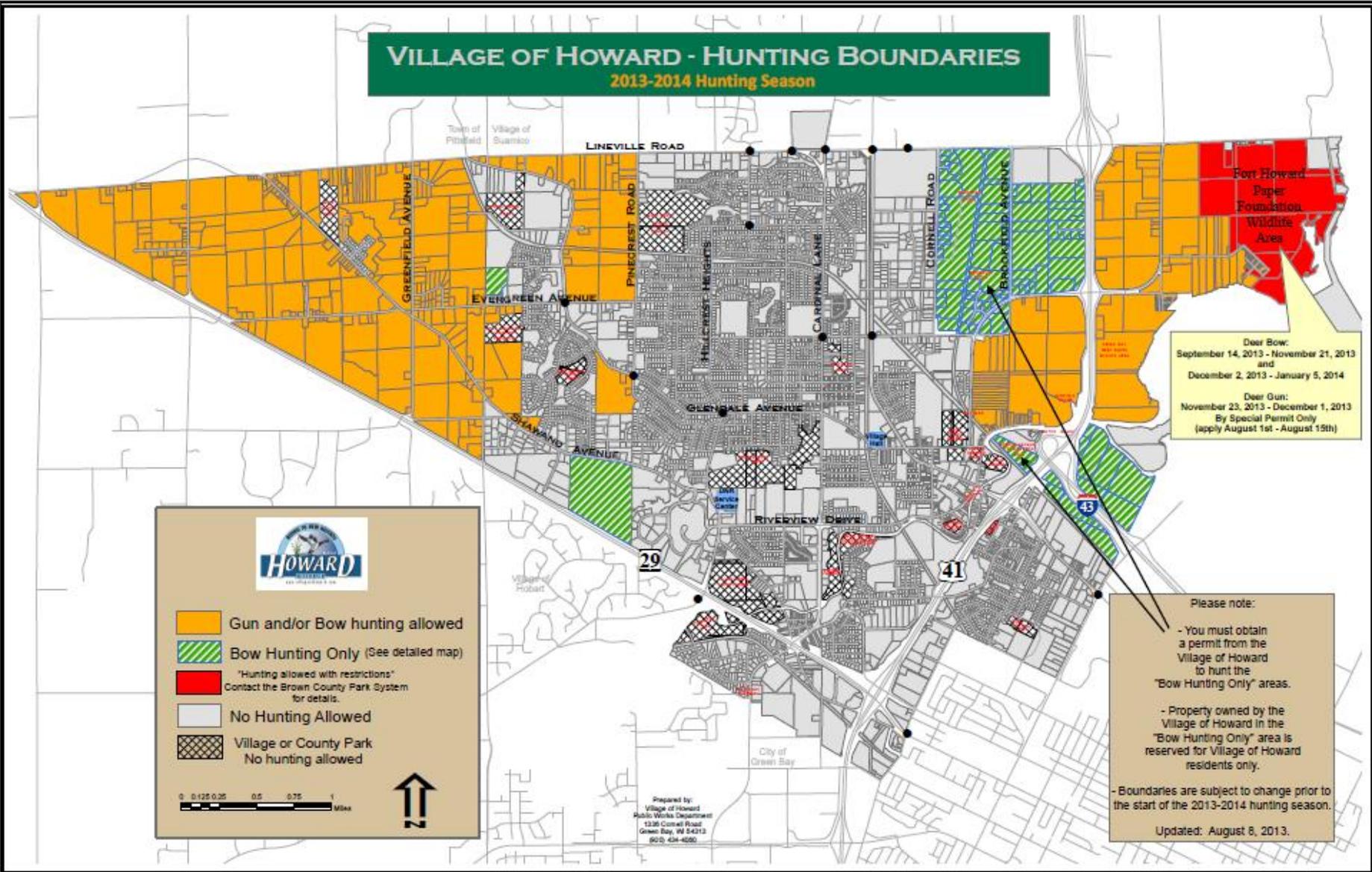
- Deny the request to amend the ordinance, or request further information and table the request.

Attachment:

Current hunting map

VILLAGE OF HOWARD - HUNTING BOUNDARIES

2013-2014 Hunting Season



Legend:

- Gun and/or Bow hunting allowed
- Bow Hunting Only (See detailed map)
- "Hunting allowed with restrictions"
Contact the Brown County Park System for details.
- No Hunting Allowed
- Village or County Park
No hunting allowed

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Deer Bow:
September 14, 2013 - November 21, 2013
and
December 2, 2013 - January 5, 2014

Deer Gun:
November 23, 2013 - December 1, 2013
By Special Permit Only
(apply August 1st - August 15th)

Please note:

- You must obtain a permit from the Village of Howard to hunt the "Bow Hunting Only" areas.
- Property owned by the Village of Howard in the "Bow Hunting Only" area is reserved for Village of Howard residents only.
- Boundaries are subject to change prior to the start of the 2013-2014 hunting season.

Updated: August 8, 2013.