

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting
Jan. 9, 2023
Village Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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

2. ROLL CALL

President McIntyre called for a roll call. Present: Village President Burt R. McIntyre; Trustee Maria Lasecki, District 1; Trustee Chris Nielsen, District 2; Trustee John Muraski, District 4; Trustee Scott Beyer, District 5; Trustee Adam Lemorande, District 7; Trustee Craig McAllister, District 8

Excused: Trustee Cathy Hughes, District 3; Trustee Ray Suennen, District 6

Staff: Paul Evert, Chris Haltom, Geoff Farr, Dave Wiese, Ed Janke, Ann Watzka, Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

3. RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President McIntyre led the meeting in the pledge.

4. REPORT BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAWS

President McIntyre read the following notice: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.81-19.98, the Village Board is meeting to conduct public business. In accordance with state law, the meeting agenda was posted at Village Hall, other municipal buildings, and on the Village of Howard website and was also distributed to the local media and other requesters at least 24 business hours prior to the start of this meeting.

5. APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

B. McIntyre moved up Item 12 regarding the village's authority to regulate hunting and the discharge of firearms within the village. It will be the first item after the Consent Agenda. J. Muraski moved to approve the agenda as revised. M. Lasecki seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Mike Lewis, 1521 Pinecrest Road, said he would like to speak on Item 11b regarding the Jewel Meadow special assessments.
- Tim Johnson, 2504 Turnbury Road, said he strongly supports a public safety referendum, but has questions about how the EMS billing will be handled.
- Brett Simmons, 912 Lakeview Drive, presented a petition to reconsider the recent change to the gun map.
- Shawn Demeny, 950 Lakeview Drive, presented a petition requesting 923 Riverview Drive be relisted as an allowable gun hunting property.
- Doug Steiner, 920 Lakeview Drive, presented another petition to reconsider the change to the gun map.
- Gary Fontaine, a representative of the Green Bay Duck Hunters Association, also presented a petition requesting 923 Riverview Drive be relisted as an allowable gun hunting property.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (None)

8. COMMUNICATIONS (None)

9. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

C. Nielsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously** with the following items approved:

- a. Village Board meeting minutes from Dec. 12, 2022
- b. Village Board meeting minutes from Dec. 21, 2022
- c. Operator Licenses for the following individuals:
 - i. Kim M. Benton
 - ii. Andrew J. Hucek
 - iii. Tyler J. Kiiskila
 - iv. Preston D. Rusch

- d. Municipal Invoices totaling \$4,216,093.68, paid with checks #76317-76425
- e. The special event for the Duck Creek Clash Disc Golf Tournament 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29, 2023 at the Pinecrest Disc Golf Course
- f. The special event for the Happily Ever After Steps for Pets Walk 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 16, 2023 at Meadowbrook Park
- g. Construction change order #7 to KCG Excavating for the Cottages at Hidden Creek 1st Addition road contract involving a \$2,380.47 decrease
- h. Construction change order #2 to Dorner Inc. for the Rouse Pointe Subdivision road contract involving a \$6,536.60 increase
- i. Assignment of an Offer to Purchase a property at 1919 County Highway U
- j. Construction change order #4 to Northeast Asphalt for the 2022 Resurfacing contract involving a \$14,071.04 decrease
- k. Construction change order #4 to PTS Contractors Inc. for the Marley Street Utilities contract involving a \$47,616.75 increase
- l. Construction change order #2 to Feaker & Sons for the Rouse Pointe Subdivision Utility Contract involving a \$6,300.00 increase

12. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- a. Village Attorney Bob Gagan discussed the village’s authority to regulate hunting and the discharge of firearms within the village. Marcus Medina, a conservation warden for the DNR, said he reviews municipal ordinances to ensure they are consistent with NR40, which requires that all ordinances are passed solely to protect public safety. He said there are multiple similar examples of user conflict in urban settings, which is why the DNR looks at every case on an individual basis. The board discussed in depth. **No action was taken.**

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Review and take action on Resolution 2023-04, approving the referendum question for the April 4, 2023 ballot regarding the funding of public safety to exceed levy limits**

P. Evert reviewed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the need for a Public Safety referendum and the impact to Howard taxpayers. The board discussed. C. Nielsen moved to approve Resolution 2023-04, approving the referendum question for the April 4, 2023 ballot regarding the funding of public safety to exceed levy limits. M. Lasecki seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

11. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Review and take action on Resolution 2023-01, rescinding Resolution 2022-15, which extended the life of TID #3**

C. Haltom said Resolution 2022-15 extended TID #3 one year for affordable housing. According to the state, the village cannot extend the TID one year until all expenditures have been recouped so the board needs to rescind Resolution 2022-15. He said the Village Board will need to revisit this issue late in 2025, at which time TID 3 will have recovered all the expenditures of the TID and can be extended with a new resolution.

M. Lasecki moved to approve Resolution 2023-01, rescinding Resolution 2022-15. C. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- b. **Review and take action on Resolution 2023-02, declaring the intent to exercise special assessment powers under Wisconsin State Statute 66.0701 upon Glendale Avenue, and the Plat of Jewel Meadow**

G. Farr explained the scope of the project that includes full improvements for the Jewel Meadows subdivision and the urbanization and reconstruction of Glendale Avenue through the project limits.

Mike Lewis, 1521 Pinecrest Road, said he would like Glendale Avenue reconstructed to its original form to preserve the rural character of the area. He also said there hasn't been good communication with the residents regarding the project. Nobody else spoke. B. McIntyre moved to approve Resolution 2023-02, declaring the intent to exercise special assessment powers under Wisconsin State Statute 66.0701 upon Glendale Avenue, and the Plat of Jewel Meadow. C. Nielsen seconded. **The motion carried 6-1 (No: C. McAllister).**

c. **Review and take action on Resolution 2023-03, declaring the intent to exercise special assessment powers under Wisconsin State Statute 66.0701 upon Glendale Avenue, and the Plat of Stordeur Run 2nd Addition**

G. Farr reviewed the project that will create 12 single-family lots and will also dedicate storm water, trail, and conservancy areas to the village. The parcel is located on a portion of Glendale that is fully improved, and improvements required for the project include a storm water pond, one additional set of service laterals, and some lot filling. Costs will be paid fully by the village and the developer. J. Muraski moved to approve Resolution 2023-03, declaring the intent to exercise special assessment powers under Wisconsin State Statute 66.0701 upon Glendale Avenue, and the Plat of Stordeur Run 2nd Addition. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

13. **CLOSED SESSION (NONE)**

14. **ADJOURN THE MEETING**

C. Nielsen moved to adjourn. J. Muraski seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening
Administrative Assistant