

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting
Jan. 11, 2021
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

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

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda Approval

C. Hughes moved to approve the consent agenda. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

B. McIntyre recognized Deputy Jim Dagneau for his service to the Village of Howard.

Public Appearances

The resident at 1732 Bayshore Drive came forward to express his concerns about cars parking in front of his driveway so they can walk out to the bay to ice fish. He said the last few weeks, cars have parked in a way that totally blocks access to his home and would make it impossible for rescue vehicles to pass if they were needed for an emergency.

**Future Agenda Items/
Announcements**

C. Hughes said she was contacted by a constituent who has concerns with speeding on Glendale Avenue from Velp Avenue to Lakeview Drive. She asked for extra enforcement in that area.

R. Suennen requested a future agenda item to discuss the Public Appearances portion of the agenda, including Public Appearance policies for the trustees, the appearance procedures and time limitations for citizens, and the option for action to revise those items.

R. Suennen asked for an update on the condition of the Public Works building and a summary of any improvements or future additions that will be needed.

Consent Agenda

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

Village Board meeting minutes from Dec. 14, 2020

Receipt of the Plan Commission meeting minutes from Dec. 21, 2020

Municipal invoices totaling \$1,071,096.05, paid with checks #70424 - #70539

Operator Licenses for the following individuals:

- i. Anthony J-R Holman
- ii. Chrystal J.M. Jenss
- iii. Nancy N. Mulkey
- iv. Alexa L. Van Hen

PLAN COMMISSION ITEMS

- i. The conditional use request for a training mobile antenna/tower at 5475 Glendale Ave., VH-49
- ii. The Final Plat of Hazel Estates

New Business

Public hearing for special assessments – Milltown, Marley, Evergreen, etc.

M. Kaster explained the proposed special assessments on Milltown Road, Marley Street, Evergreen Avenue, Connection Road and a Sanitary Sewer right of way, which are being levied as part of the VV interchange project. B. McIntyre opened the public hearing. The following people spoke:

- Kathy McAllister, 4301 Milltown Road, said she is opposed to the sewer cutting through their farm field. She said she also objects to the amount her property is being special assessed.
- Frank Sleik, 1614 Marley St., said only three properties are being forced to pay their special assessments now. He said he would like all the properties to have the option to defer the assessments until their property is sold. He also questioned the interest rate for the assessments and said it doesn't accurately reflect the existing interest rates.
- Ryan Malueg, who owns VH-33 and VH-34, asked for an explanation of local versus general improvements and the difference in how they are assessed.

Nobody else spoke. B. McIntyre closed the public hearing.

Resolution for special assessments – Milltown, Marley, Evergreen, etc.

M. Kaster reviewed the village's special assessment policy, including the determination for which properties pay immediately and which have assessments deferred. He explained the difference between general and local improvements. P. Evert addressed the current interest rates and discussed the potential to reduce the special assessment interest rates to reflect them. The board discussed.

C. McAllister moved to separate the roadway assessments from the utility assessments portion of the project. B. McIntyre seconded. The

motion failed with a 4-5 vote (No: M. Lasecki, C. Nielsen, C. Hughes, S. Beyer, A. Lemorande).

C. Nielsen moved to approve Resolution 2021-01, authorizing the levying of special assessments against benefited property on Milltown Road, Marley Street, Evergreen Avenue, Connection Road, and a Sanitary Sewer right of way, with assessments to be levied at a 2.5% interest rate. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried 7-2 (No: J. Muraski, C. McAllister).**

**Resolution authorizing
\$1,260,000 GO Bonds**

C. Haltom reviewed the three proposed resolutions authorizing the board to borrow up to \$4.5 million to finance reconstruction of two portions of Evergreen Avenue and one section of Pinecrest Road as was discussed during the 2021 budget process. Justin Fischer of Baird and Associates provided a presentation to explain the borrowing process. R. Suennen moved to approve Resolution 2021-02, an initial resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,260,000 General Obligation Bonds for sewerage improvements. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution authorizing
\$3,240,000 GO Bonds**

C. Nielsen moved to approve Resolution 2021-03, an initial resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,240,000 General Obligation Bonds for street improvements. J. Muraski seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution authorizing
up to \$4,500,000 GO Bonds**

J. Muraski moved to approve Resolution 2021-04, a resolution authorizing and providing for the sale and issuance of not to exceed \$4,500,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds; and other related details. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ordinance prohibiting
parking on Bayshore Dr.**

G. Farr reviewed the proposed ordinance prohibiting parking on the west side of Bayshore Drive. The board discussed Mr. Peters's concern about the parking that impacts the access to his driveway and home. C. Hughes moved to approve Ordinance 2021-01, prohibiting parking at all times along the west side of Bayshore Drive and on both sides along the last 150 feet of Bayshore Drive. C. Nielsen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

CLOSED SESSION

C. Nielsen moved to adjourn to closed session. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned to closed session at 7:55 p.m.**

OPEN SESSION

C. Nielsen moved to reconvene to open session. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board reconvened to open session at 8:19 p.m.**

Adjourn

C. Hughes moved to adjourn. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening
Administrative Assistant