

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting**  
**Feb. 13, 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 Cathy Hughes, District 3; Trustee John Muraski, District 4; Trustee Scott Beyer, District 5; Trustee Ray Suennen, District 6; Trustee Adam Lemorande, District 7; Trustee Craig McAllister, District 8

Staff: Paul Evert, Chris Haltom, Geoff Farr, Brandon Dhuey, Village Attorney Bob Gagan; Ed Janke (virtually), 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**

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

**6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES (None)**

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (None)**

**8. PROCLAMATION**

a. B. McIntyre tabled the proclamation for Mike Butz, as he couldn't attend the meeting due to illness.

**9. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

J. Muraski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. C. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried unanimously** with the following items approved:

- a. Village Board meeting minutes from Jan. 23, 2023
- b. Operator Licenses for the following individuals:
  - i. Nicholas M. Boege
  - ii. Emilee K. Carpenter
  - iii. Noah J. Cousineau
  - iv. Taylor R. Covarrubias
  - v. Kaleanne M. Dyce
  - vi. Robert C. Laubenstein
  - vii. Alexandra A. Lindeman
  - viii. Samuel C. Mace
  - ix. Samuel T. Martin
  - x. Joshua L. Payne
  - xi. Andra M. Platkowski
  - xii. Allison A. Schumell

- xiii. Larissa B. Sobick
- xiv. Jacque M. Tilot
- c. Municipal Invoices totaling \$1,939,923.37, paid with checks #76592-76687
- d. Denial of the Personal Property Claim from Roaring Fork LLC, agent Daryl Ohland

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR OLD BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Review and take action on the Village of Howard Hunting Map**

Village Attorney Bob Gagan reviewed the proposed changes to the Village of Howard Firearm Discharge Map (Hunting Map) and the state statutes related to the issue. The board discussed the map and proposed changes. C. Hughes moved to suspend the rules to hear from the audience. R. Suennen seconded. *The motion to suspend the rules carried unanimously*, and the following people spoke:

- Ken Sikora, 978 Lakeview Drive, said he wants the marsh area on the Hermes property closed to hunting and preserved as a sanctuary for waterfowl and wildlife to rest and for the nearby residents to watch and enjoy.
- Kim Vandenlangenberg, 937 Riverview Drive, said she wants her parents' property at 923 Riverview kept as a no-hunting area. She said the shotgun noise and debris have impacted their ability to enjoy their backyard safely and peacefully.
- Brett Simmons, 912 Lakeview Drive, said the neighbors don't own the pond on question and are harassing hunters who are legally using a public waterway.
- Gary Fontaine, a representative of the Green Bay Duck Hunters Association, said he supports protecting hunting heritage and hunter rights and opposes closing existing hunting areas around navigable waterways.
- Dan and Cheryl Hermes, 923 Riverview Drive, said their backyard and the Mountain Bay Trailhead are too close to where the duck hunters are shooting, and the board has leeway with DNR rules and recommendations if safety is an issue. They said shotgun debris has fallen in their yard and hit their home, and the hunting has scared away all the waterfowl and wildlife they previously were able to enjoy.
- Shawn Demeny, 950 Lakeview Drive, said Mr. Hermes also hunts the area so he doesn't think that safety is the real issue.
- Doug Steiner, 920 Lakeview Drive, said the area that is in dispute is a state waterway meant to be enjoyed by all users, and any issues should be resolved collaboratively between the users.
- Robert Hyska, 822 Marydale Drive, said he thinks the Hermes property should be closed to hunting and that he has seen hunters cross the property out of the public waterway.

The board discussed in depth. A. Lemorande moved to approve the shotgun-discharge boundaries as proposed. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried 8-1 (No: C. McAllister).**

**11. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Review and take action on Resolution 2023-05 and the WIWARN Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for the receipt and furnishing of services for water and wastewater systems**

G. Farr reviewed the agreement with other Wisconsin municipalities/utilities to provide emergency aid and/or share equipment, staff and services on a sporadic, temporary, and spontaneous basis. M. Lasecki moved to approve Resolution 2023-05 and the WIWARN Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement. R. Suennen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**12. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS (NONE)**

**13. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)**

**14. ADJOURN THE MEETING**

M. Lasecki moved to adjourn. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening  
Administrative Assistant