

VILLAGE OF HOWARD
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE APPEALS BOARD MEETING
6:00 p.m. June 22, 2022
Village Hall Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

D. Adler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members: Chair Don Adler, Michele Swaer, Sheila Kulow, Tod Kulow
Excused: Marc Erickson

Also Present: Deputy Brandon Dhuey, Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2022 SORAB MEETING

S. Kulow moved to approve the minutes from the SORAB meeting of April 13, 2022. T. Kulow seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

RESIDENCY APPEAL FROM JAMES J. VANDENBERG TO RESIDE AT 1836 LENWOOD AVE.

D. Adler read the opening statement. The board questioned Mr. Vandenberg about his and the victim's ages at the time of the offense, their relationship, and the nature of the offense. They discussed his present employment, his current living situation, family status, and reason for moving to Howard. The offender also explained his extended supervision and then waived his right to convene to closed session to discuss his sex offender treatment history.

Brown County Deputy Brandon Dhuey, a directed enforcement officer for the Village of Howard, explained Mr. Vandenberg's criminal conviction and given sentence. He summarized the proximity of the residence to bus stops, schools, parks, and a nearby daycare.

D. Adler opened the meeting to hear from the public. The following people spoke:

- Denise Denny, the offender's mother, spoke in support of Mr. Vandenberg's work ethic and strong commitment to his family.
- Jolene Josephs, the offender's boss, said she also lives in the Howard neighborhood to which he is requesting to reside. She spoke in support of his character as a person and as an employee.
- Leah Vandenberg, the offender's wife, said Mr. Vandenberg has always been honest about his crime and has taken accountability for it.
- A letter from Judy Louis and Jeff Vandenberg in support of the offender's residency application was read into the record.

M. Swaer moved to approve the residency appeal from James J. Vandenberg to reside at 1836 Lenwood Ave. T. Kulow seconded. **The motion to approve carried unanimously.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

L.A. Wagner Kroening introduced Jamila Seaton as the newest member of the board. President McIntyre will be formally appointing her to fill the alternate member seat at the next Village Board meeting.

ADJOURN

M. Swaer moved to adjourn. T. Kulow seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening
Administrative Assistant