

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting**  
**July 24, 2023**  
**Village Board Room**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Village Clerk Christopher Haltom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

C. Haltom called for a roll call. Present: Trustee Maria Lasecki, District 1; Trustee Chris Nielsen, District 2 (virtually); Trustee Cathy Hughes, District 3; Trustee John Muraski, District 4; Trustee Scott Beyer, District 5; Trustee Adam Lemorande, District 7; Trustee Craig McAllister, District 8

Excused: Village President Burt R. McIntyre; Trustee Ray Suennen, District 6

Staff: Chris Haltom, Dave Wiese, Josh Gerrits, Chief Dennis Staeven, Deputy Brandon Dhuey, Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

C. Haltom explained that President McIntyre is excused, and he asked the board for meeting chair nominations. M. Lasecki moved to nominate J. Muraski to chair the meeting. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and J. Muraski was appointed as the presiding chair for the meeting.**

**3. RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

J. Muraski led the meeting in the pledge.

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

J. Muraski 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**

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

**6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- John Hemmen, 452 Woodfield Drive, said the noxious weeds at the property behind the Woodfield Condominiums still haven't been addressed, and they are seeding and spreading to neighboring properties. He said the property owner should be fined until the field is cut, or the village should cut it and bill the property owner.
- Andy Caelwaerts, 3268 Evergreen Ave., asked for an update on the plans for his property.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- M. Lasecki requested an agenda item to discuss Code Enforcement's handling of complaints.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS (NONE)**

**9. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

C. Hughes moved to approve the Consent Agenda. A. Lemorande seconded. C. McAllister asked staff for an explanation on why the proposed development (Item 9k) is a PDD zoning. D. Wiese explained the smaller lots and trail/stormwater agreements are better suited for a PDD. M. Lasecki pulled Item 9d (v) – The operator license for Nicole R. Martin. **The motion carried unanimously**, with the following items approved:

- a. Village Board meeting minutes from July 10, 2023
- b. Receipt of the Plan Commission meeting minutes from July 17, 2023
- c. Municipal Invoices totaling \$3,581,914.05, paid with checks #77935-78043
- d. The following Operator Licenses:
  - i. Steven J. Gandy

- ii. Jacob A. Gillis
  - iii. Angela L-A Herre
  - iv. Beth N. Jaime
  - v. ~~Nicole R. Martin~~
  - vi. Shannon L. Piontek
  - vii. Joseph S. Reynolds
  - viii. Cynthia J. Schouten
  - ix. Kristina L. Wundrow
  - x. Zachary J. Zeller
- e. The Temporary Class B Retailer’s License for Wisconsin United Football Club for the adult soccer tournament July 29-30 at the Nouryon Sports Complex soccer concession building
  - f. Change Order #4 to Dorner Inc. for the Rouse Pointe Subdivision – Road Contract involving a \$4,884.60 increase
  - g. Change Order #1 to McKeefry & Sons, Inc. for the Rouse Pointe Subdivision – 2023 Road Contract involving a \$9,653.88 decrease
  - h. Change Order #3 to Feaker & Sons for the Jewel Meadow Subdivision, Glendale Avenue, and Stordeur Run Estates 3rd Addition - Utility Contract involving a \$11,220.00 decrease
  - i. Change Order #3 to KCG Excavating for the Jewel Meadow Subdivision, Glendale Avenue, and Stordeur Run Estates 3rd Addition - Road Contract involving a \$6,870.00 increase
  - j. Change Order #3 to McKeefry & Sons Inc. for the Village Center Parking Lot and Harwood Avenue Watermain Relay - Road Contract involving a \$5,999.25 decrease
  - k. PLAN COMMISSION ITEM *(The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of this item.)*
    - i. The Preliminary PDD for Steve Bieda for nine single-family homes on 2.46 acres of Parcel VH-727-101

**9d. v. The operator license for Nicole R. Martin** – M. Lasecki said the applicant has three OWI convictions, and she’s concerned about having someone with that kind of record serving alcohol at an establishment. She asked for more information about the operator license approval process. B. Dhuey and Attorney Gagan explained the village’s ordinances don’t prohibit someone with OWI from receiving an operator license, and the applicant’s OWI convictions are older than the five-year standard restriction. The board discussed. A. Lemorande moved to approve the operator license for Nicole R. Martin. J. Muraski seconded. **The motion carried 7-2 (No: M. Lasecki, C. Hughes).**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR OLD BUSINESS ITEMS (NONE)**

**11. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

- a. **Review and take action on Ordinance 2023-08, amending Sec. 24-576(f) of the Howard Municipal Code regarding exceptions to sexual offender and sexual predator residency**  
 Attorney Gagan reviewed the proposed changes to the Child Protection Ordinance, which include eliminating the exception for offenders moving in with family members and adding an exception for offenders who resided in Howard when they were convicted and also maintained residency during incarceration. C. Hughes moved to approve Ordinance 2023-08, amending Sec. 24-576(f) of the

Howard Municipal Code regarding exceptions to sexual offender and sexual predator residency. M. Lasecki seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**b. Review and take action on the Operator License for Alexander L. LaLuzerne**

B.Dhuey said the applicant has two felonies within three years, which excludes him from qualifying for an operator license under Village of Howard policy. A. Lemorande moved to suspend the rules to hear from the applicant. C. McAllister seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the following people spoke:

- Alexander LaLuzerne, no address available (homeless), explained the timing of his convictions and his desire to keep working with his current employer.
- Chris Knudson, owner of Gilligan’s Bar at 1985 Velp Ave., said the applicant is an excellent employee, and he would like to see him get his operator license so he can work additional hours filling in as a bartender.

C. Hughes moved to return to regular order of business. S. Beyer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

S. Beyer moved to deny the operator license for Alexander L. LaLuzerne. C. Hughes seconded. The motion failed 2-5 (No: M. Lasecki, C. Nielsen, J. Muraski, A. Lemorande, C. McAllister).

M. Lasecki moved to approve the operator license for Alexander L. LaLuzerne. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried 5-2 (No: S. Beyer, C. Hughes).**

**c. Review and take action on Ordinance 2023-09, confirming the Village of Howard does not have a designated newspaper and allowing for other posting options as legally permitted**

Attorney Gagan reviewed the state statutes that now allow the Village of Howard to post most legal notices on the website, instead of publishing them in a newspaper. He also reviewed the type of legal notices that still require publication, and in that case the proposed ordinance would allow for printing in either of the two local newspapers. M. Lasecki moved to approve Ordinance 2023-09, confirming the Village of Howard does not have a designated newspaper. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**12. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**a. C. Haltom will provide the annual financial report for the period ended June 30, 2023 for the three utilities and the Howard Commons Apartment Complex.**

C. Haltom reviewed the annual financial report for three utilities and the Howard Commons Apartments. The board discussed. **No action was taken.**

**13. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

M. Lasecki moved to adjourn. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned at 7:17 p.m.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening  
Administrative Assistant