

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting**  
**Aug. 8, 2022**  
**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 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

Excused: Trustee Maria Lasecki, District 1

Staff: Paul Evert, Chris Haltom, Geoff Farr, Ed Janke, 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. C. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Tim Johnson, 2504 Turnbury Road, spoke in support of a referendum to expand the Howard Fire Department and to also possibly add EMS services.

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

**8. COMMUNICATIONS (None)**

**9. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Village Board meeting minutes from July 25, 2022
- b. Municipal invoices totaling \$905,629.63, paid with check numbers 75051 – 75121
- c. Operator Licenses for the following individuals:
  - i. Stephanie N. Brabank
  - ii. Gregg A. Canniff
  - iii. Kelly A. Cobb
  - iv. Jason E. Crewgey
  - v. Wayne A. Gauthier
  - vi. Bobbie Jo Gerbers
  - vii. Quinten M. Gilbert
  - viii. Andrew S. Hartman
  - ix. Addison A. Hatch
  - x. Nicole L. Hoppe
  - xi. Hailee R. Jepson
  - xii. Jodi L. Jonet
  - xiii. Megan A. Koehne

- xiv. Viki K. Markus
- xv. Travis S. Morten
- xvi. Lois M. Nelson
- xvii. Shondi M. Nelson
- xviii. Cynthia M. Parma
- xix. Jakub Piotr Polakowski
- xx. Jennifer C. Solper
- xxi. Abigail J. Stone
- xxii. Lori J. Trasti

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

**11. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Discuss, review, and take action on a referendum for Public Safety**

P. Evert reviewed the referendum process, the timeline for both the fall or spring election, and the potential impact on the tax levy. E. Janke discussed the problems with the existing Fire Department staffing levels, the increase in the call volumes with the growing community, and the goals for the future. The board discussed in depth. The consensus was to come back with the dollar figures to add a 24-hour police patrol. **No formal action was taken.**

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

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

J. Muraski moved to convene to closed session. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried unanimously**, and the Village Board of the Village of Howard convened into closed session at 7:02 p.m. pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats, to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or to conduct other specified public business to wit the potential purchase of a used vehicle from the Town of Pickerel.

**14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** and take action, if needed, on items discussed in closed session

J. Muraski moved to reconvene to open session. C. Nielsen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously**, and the board entered open session at 7:26 p.m.

**15. ADJOURN THE MEETING**

C. McAllister moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. C. Nielsen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening  
Administrative Assistant