

Minutes of the Village Board Meeting
Sept. 11, 2023
Village Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Village President Burt McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 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

Virtually: Village President Burt R. McIntyre

Staff: Paul Evert, Chris Haltom, Dave Wiese, Geoff Farr, Josh Gerrits, Chief Dennis Staeven, DEO Brandon Dhuey, Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

3. RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. McIntyre led the meeting in the pledge.

President McIntyre asked the board for meeting chair nominations since he is attending virtually. C. Hughes moved to nominate C. Nielsen to chair the meeting. C. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and C. Nielsen was appointed as the presiding chair for the meeting**

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

C. Nielsen 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. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Tom Hansen, 1349 Hillcrest Heights, presented a neighborhood petition requesting traffic calming measures.
- David Kriescher, 2987 Belle Plane Drive, said he signed the petition but doesn't want roundabouts added on Hillcrest Heights.
- Dan Jung, 1323 Hillcrest Heights, said he would like the traffic issue solved because bicyclists are now using the sidewalks against village ordinance and are causing a hazard to pedestrians.
- Roy Brown, 2992 Belle Plane Drive, said the traffic problem is mostly a handful of high school kids speeding, littering, and causing other nuisances.
- Brad Cramer, 1348 Hillcrest Heights, said he has lived in his home for over 30 years and the steady increase in traffic is due to the newer neighborhoods and the traffic to the soccer fields at the park. He said drivers use Hillcrest Heights because it is a straight shot with no stops, and that's the problem.
- Lisa Magnuson, 1030 Hillcrest Heights, said she is unable to safely pull out of her driveway because it is hard to judge how fast traffic is coming from either direction.
- Natalie Jacobson, 1261 Hillcrest Heights, said the traffic on the street is heavy, fast moving, and is creating a safety issue for the residents who live there.
- Bob Helbick, 1208 Hillcrest Heights, said the traffic volume and the speed of the cars have turned the street into a speedway.
- Dale Perry, 1766 Red Oak St., spoke regarding Agenda Item 11c. He said the neighbors are intentionally parking near the corner intentionally to slow the traffic that has been using Red Oak Street to bypass

the Glendale Construction zone. He asked the board to table action on the item until the construction is done because the situation will change.

- Laura Hansen, 1632 Steiner Lane, said the neighbors who have been parking on Red Oak are impacting visibility for the traffic and pedestrians, and the village should prohibit parking near the corner.
- Tim Way, 3560 Sunny Hill Court, said he objects to neighbors taking the law into their own hands by parking in a way that intentionally interferes with traffic.
- David Mitchell, 1755 Red Oak St., said something needs to be done to stop speeding and heavy traffic, and the neighbors are doing that.
- Scott Hansen, 1632 Steiner Lane, said the parking near the corner must stop because it is creating a hazard.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- J. Muraski requested a staff update about the Hillcrest Heights speed study, citation statistics, and potential engineering options to address the residents’ concerns.
- R. Suennen requested a report to show the costs of the different Howard Commons Activity Complex facilities.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- C. Hughes moved to receive and place on file the Notice of Central Brown County Water Authority 2024 Budget Hearing with draft 2024 Budget attachment. R. Suennen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

9. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

M. Lasecki moved to approve the Consent Agenda. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously,** with the following items approved:

- a. Village Board meeting minutes from Aug. 28, 2023
- b. Municipal Invoices totaling \$404,789.44, paid with checks #78367-78484
- c. The following Operator Licenses:
Operator licenses, per s. 125.17 of the Wisconsin Statutes and s. 12.02(4)(h) of the Howard Municipal Code, if approved, are valid for a period of up to two years expiring on June 30.
 - i. Ashley M. Bradford
 - ii. Virginia W-R Helms
 - iii. Lawrence L. Kempen
 - iv. Angela H. Raasch
 - v. Julie A. VanBoxtel
- d. Ordinance 2023-11, rezoning 1803 Red Oak St., VH-202-6, from R-5 Rural Estate Residential to R-1 Residential Single Family

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR OLD BUSINESS ITEMS (NONE)

11. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Review and take action on the Brown County Municipal Recycling Agreement for the 2024 Wisconsin Recycling Consolidation Grant**

C. Haltom explained that approving the municipal agreement is part of the process for the village and other Brown County municipalities to qualify for state recycling grants. J. Muraski moved to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for the Wisconsin Recycling Consolidation Grant for Calendar Year 2024. M. Lasecki seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

b. Review and take action on Ordinance 2023-12, amending Sec. 24-574 and Sec. 50-10(b) to revise the definition of the word “child”

P. Evert explained the current Howard Village Code defines a child as under the age of 14. The proposed amendment would define a child as under the age of 16, which is consistent with Wisconsin Statutes regarding certain crimes against children. A. Lemorande moved to approve Ordinance 2023-12, amending Sec. 24-574 and Sec. 50-10(b) to revise the definition of the word “child.” M. Lasecki seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

c. Review and take action on Ordinance 2023-13, prohibiting parking on a portion of Red Oak Street

G. Farr said the proposed ordinance was created in response to residents’ safety concerns and complaints due to parking impacting traffic visibility. He suggested tabling the item to see if the issue resolves once the Glendale Avenue construction is completed. R. Suennen moved to table the item until two months after the Glendale Avenue construction ends.

P. Evert noted that a resident appearing virtually wished to speak on the matter. C. Hughes moved to suspend the rules. R. Suennen seconded. *The motion to suspend the rules carried unanimously.* Joel Gregozeski, 1609 Steiner Lane, said the neighborhood parking issue was happening long before the Glendale construction started, and it likely won’t resolve when the construction ends. He said the residents are parking near the intersection with the park, and it’s causing a visibility issue for traffic coming from all directions. *The board returned to regular order.*

J. Muraski seconded the motion to table the item. **The motion to table carried 8-1 (No: C. McAllister).**

12. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

a. C. Haltom will provide the financial report for the General Fund and Village Green Golf Course for the period ended Aug. 31, 2023

C. Haltom reviewed the financial report for the General Fund and the golf course. The board discussed. **No action was taken.**

13. CLOSED SESSION

C. Hughes moved to convene to closed session. R. Suennen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously,** and the board convened to closed session at 7:33 p.m. pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats, to discuss the potential sale of portions of VH-1706 and VH-2650.

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A. Lemorande moved to reconvene to open session. C. Hughes seconded. The motion carried, and the board reconvened to open session at 7:42 p.m.

15. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (NONE)

16. ADJOURNMENT

J. Muraski moved to adjourn. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned at 7:43 p.m.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening
Administrative Assistant