

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting
October 11, 2021
Village Hall 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. **In Person:** Village President Burt R. McIntyre; Trustee Maria Lasecki, Wards 1-2; Trustee Chris Nielsen, Wards 3-4; Trustee Cathy Hughes, Wards 5-6; Trustee Scott Beyer, Wards 9-10; Trustee Ray Suennen, Wards 11-12; Trustee Adam Lemorande, Wards 13-14 and 18; Trustee Craig McAllister, Wards 15-17 **Via online GoToMeeting:** Trustee John Muraski, Wards 7-8

Staff: **In-Person**-Paul Evert, Chris Haltom, Dave Wiese, Geoff Farr, and **via GoToMeeting:** Mike Kaster

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. Lemornade seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Tony Nowak appeared before the board to express his concern over apparent water buildup in his yard from what he believed was the village's reconstruction project of Evergreen/Pinecrest roads and his concern the problem will become worse if not handled before winter. Referred to staff for follow up. Brad VanHemelryk of Maplewood Meats wanted to discuss item 10a, and the board asked to wait for this item to speak. Gayle Nohr appeared before the board to discuss the need for bus transportation in the village and handed out some materials.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- C. Nielsen made inquiry about the parcel on Memorial Drive recently purchased by the village. He desires to know what plans there will be for this parcel for future use.
- C. Hughes inquired about a follow up with the Jorgensen noise issue on Coggins Court.

8. COMMUNICATIONS (NONE)

9. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

C. Nielsen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. M. Lasecki seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:**

- a. Village Board meeting minutes from Sept. 27, 2021
- b. Municipal Invoices totaling \$1,029,736.01 to be drawn from at Denmark State Bank
- c. Operator Licenses for the following individuals:
 - i. Savannah S. Ernbarer
 - ii. Leo M. Zalaznik
 - iii. Konekham C. Hein
 - iv. Karen M. Williquette
 - v. Michael J. Wilke
 - vi. Virginia W-R. Helms
- d. Ordinance 2021-11, rezoning 4654 Milltown Road and 4638 Milltown Road, Parcels VH-37-1 and VH-37-2, from R-5 Rural Estate Residential to B-2 Highway Commercial

- e. Ordinance 2021-12, rezoning 4020 Linden Lane, Parcels VH-747-H-3 and VH-747-H-4, from R-5 Rural Estate Residential to R-1 Residential Single Family

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Review and take action on an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) for a shared-use trail along State Highway 29**

G. Farr gave a report on this item with a recommendation to approve the agreement with DOT. Brad VanHemelryk spoke against the agreement and installing a trail adjacent to the Maplewood Meat property as he had concerns about parking issues, safety and optics to visitors. Eric Gwidt of snowmobile clubs spoke in favor of the agreement. Much board discussion occurred before **R. Suennen** moved to approve the agreement as presented. **B. McIntyre** seconded. Motion carried on a 7-2 vote with C. Hughes and C. McAllister voting Nay.

11. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Review, discuss, and give direction on the county redistricting map options**

C. Haltom gave a report on the redistricting ward maps staff prepared for board review and action with three proposed plans. Board discussion occurred before **R. Suennen** moved to approve Plan 1 of the ward map configuration with recommendation to bring back an ordinance amendment at the next board meeting as a Consent Agenda item. **M. Lasecki** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. **2021 Budget Workshop #1 - Review, discuss and amend as needed the first draft of the 2022 budget for the General Fund**

C. Haltom gave a Power Point presentation on the first draft of the 2022 Budget for the General Fund. The presentation focused on budget basics, proposed levy increase via levy limit and expenditure increases being proposed in the General Fund. Board discussion occurred. No action taken on this item, as the next three board meetings will include more budget discussions.

12. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- a. B. McIntyre gave a report on the **NEW Water Municipal Committee meeting** recently held. He attended as the village representative, and he discussed the obstacles and political ramifications of the committee recommendations. No action was taken.

13. ADJOURN THE MEETING – M. Lasecki moved to adjourn the meeting. C. McAllister seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**

Christopher A. Haltom
Village Clerk