

**VILLAGE OF HOWARDS GROVE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

- I.** Call To Order: President James Scheiber called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II.** Verification of Meeting Duly Noticed and Roll Call: It was noted that the meeting notices were properly posted. Roll call indicates Trustees present included Dirk Hudson, Lee Kunze, Henry Verfuether, Chris Heili, and Connie Meyer. Trustee Jeff Plass was absent. Also in attendance was Clerk/Treasurer Jo Ann Lesser.
- III.** Approval of November 8, 2018 & November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Trustee Heili made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Verfuether seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.
- IV.** Public Comments: Harley Abler of 1302 Millersville Avenue stated that he would like to see the snow removal requirement from sidewalks increased to 48 hours rather than the 24 that is currently listed in the ordinance. Mr. Abler also stated that he would like to see the village help out with clearing if the snowfall is an excessive amount.
- V.** Public Works:
- A.** Steve Lindstrom of 617 Ethan Allen Drive to Discuss his Opposition to the Village Board Enforcement of Ordinance 335-10, Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks: Steve Lindstrom expressed his opinion of the recent decision to require property owners to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Mr. Lindstrom stated that he has over 200 feet of sidewalk to clear. He asked the Village Board to reconsider enforcing the ordinance.

Harley Abler stated that it makes him angry when the plows come through and fill the sidewalk or his driveway after he's cleared them.

Dave Kisiolek of 1113 Warbler Road stated that he feels that this is a tax on the residents and only a few will get it. He also questioned why this was being enforced, were there complaints?

President Shceiber explained that there were complaints from those that walked on the sidewalks about how they weren't cleared and when they did get cleared they were all ice.

It was agreed by those in the audience that this issue should be reviewed, that the ordinance may need to be amended, and lastly it was noted as not being fair to all residents.

Trustees Heili and Verfuether both agreed that the ordinance and enforcement should be reviewed by the committee.

Trustee Kunze stated that the primary concern of public works is to clear the streets for emergency personnel and travelers, all the village is asking is that the sidewalks get cleared in a timely manner. So as to not allow the snow to turn to ice and make it tougher for the village equipment to remove the snow once they're able to get to it. Kunze also stated that as more subdivisions get built it will take longer for the crew to clear streets and eventually clear sidewalks.

President Scheiber requested that the public works committee review this issue.

VI. Plan Commission:

- A.** Recommendation to the Village Board for the Certified Survey (CSM) for Richard and Jennifer Miller of 1214 Forest Hills Drive. The Miller's are requesting to combine lot 22 and lot 43 of the Forest Hills Subdivision: Trustee Heili stated that in the last two meetings the vote was tied and therefore no decision is rendered from the village. Heili also stated that according to the attorney this is allowable and that the village does not have any jurisdiction to stop it unless it would violate a zoning ordinance, which it does not.

Trustee Kunze stated that when lots get combined the village loses 2/3's of the assessed value.

It was asked of Mr. Miller as to why he wishes to join the two lots. Mr. Miller responded that he thought it made financial sense and it would be easier for him.

Trustee Heili made a motion to approve the CSM as presented. Trustee Verfuert seconded the motion. President Scheiber called for a roll call vote: Trustee Meyer; aye, Trustee Heili; aye, Trustee Verfuert; aye, President Scheiber; aye, Trustee Kunze; nay, Trustee Hudson; nay. Motion carried, 4-2.

- VII.** Jill Mattson to Present A Proposal of a Bridge Dedication in Honor of Her Father Gaylord Prange: President Scheiber stated that Ms. Mattson was not able to attend the meeting tonight but will be at the December 5th meeting. Scheiber noted that she is looking to honor her father by having the foot bridge on Mill Street named after him, Gaylord Prange. It was noted that Mr. Prange was a long time village resident and possibly a war veteran.

VIII. President's Report:

- A.** Update on Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Transition: President Scheiber stated that he has been talking with Clerk/Treasurer Lesser and Deputy Schleicher and going over items that need to be completed in the next few weeks. Scheiber stated that there will be a letter going out to residents explaining the reduced office hours and tax collection. He stated that interviews have been set up starting tomorrow. Scheiber stated that he has sent a memorandum of understanding to a couple of people in hopes they are willing to help the village out during the interim period. Scheiber also presented a memorandum of understanding to the Board for Jo Ann Lesser to come back after she has left employment. President Scheiber made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Jo Ann Lesser. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.
- B.** Recognition: President Scheiber presented Clerk/Treasurer Lesser with an appreciation certificate for the past five years of service to the village.

- IX.** Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Lesser, CMC, WCMC
Clerk/Treasurer