

**Village of Howards Grove
Public Hearing and Village Board Meeting
For September 15, 2020
approved**

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held before the Village Board at 6:00pm on Tuesday September 15, 2020 at Village Hall, 913 S. Wisconsin Drive to hear comments from interested persons concerning Rezone for 627/629 Madison Ave.

1. Public Hearing Discussion: Public hearing started at 6:03pm The Damrow's were present but had not comments.
2. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 6:07pm made by Trustee Heili, seconded by Trustee Plass. Carried 6-0

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm in the Village Hall.
- II. **Verification of Meeting Duly Noticed and Roll Call:** It was stated that the meeting was verified and duly noticed. Roll Call: President Plass, Trustee's Kunze, Hudson, Meyer, Heili, Horness, PWD Ryan Welsing and Clerk Christan Brandt. Absent Trustee Osby.
- III. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2020 and September 8, 2020:** Motion to approve the August 19 and September 8, 2020 Minutes made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Horness. Carried. 6-0
- IV. **Public Comments and Correspondence:** None
- V. **Approval/Denial Rezone form Business/Commercial to R-2 Residential at 627/629 Madison Ave, owner Tom Damrow:** Trustee Heili stated that the Planning Commission reviewed this and recommended approval. Motion made to rezone 627/629 Madison Ave from Business/Commercial to R-2 Residential made by Trustee Heili, seconded by Trustee Horness. Carried 6-0
- VI. **Discussion and decision regarding landscaping of Village Hall:** The Clerk stated that a decision needed to be made on the landscaping and speaking with Public Works there is concern of erosion issues on the hillsides. The Board did not have any issues with this and just asked that we get the three quotes required per Ordinance to approve the project and move forward. To Maintain the property after that would be placed in the budget.
- VII. **Rate Increase for Sewer Clean Water Fund Project upgrade:** Due to the phosphorous upgrade and to stay in compliance with the DNR the Village needs to do a required upgrade to the plant that will cost us \$2.4 Million Dollars. To help cover the loan that is needed the Rate Study and cost cuts done require us to increase the quarterly sewer payments to \$10.00. The study shows an annual increase but currently feel the current increase is what we need to focus on. Motion to approve the sewer rate increase of \$10.00 a quarter to begin on October 1, 2020 made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Hudson. Carried. 6-0
- VIII. **Discussion/ decision of lawn care application services at Memorial Park as the Association would like to switch companies:** Discussion regarding the Association wanting to change companies to do lawn spraying and care. Questions on prior practices, what the other Association is doing as well as the current agreements. The Board determined that they would invite the Associations to a Park Committee Meeting so that things can be discussed. Public Works Director will be getting a few quotes as well since the Village Hall also gets sprayed.
- IX. **Village and Sanitary Utility Vouchers:** The Finance Committee reviewed the vouchers and recommended approval. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks dated August 18,

2020 to September 14, 2020 in the amount of \$91,776.05 made by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Plass. Carried. 6-0

- X. **Discussion of Work in Progress sheet:** Plass reviewed the work in progress sheet with projects that are either complete are still going on
- XI. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:13pm made by Trustee Hudson, seconded by Trustee Horness. Carried. 6-0

Approved: October 6, 2020

Christan Brandt, Clerk Treasurer