

Village of Howards Grove
Village Board Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2020
approved

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm 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: Trustee's Plass, Kunze, Osby, Meyer, Heili, Horness, Clerk Brandt. Absent Trustee Hudson.
- III. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2020:** Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Trustee Osby, seconded by Trustee Horness. Carried. 6-0
- IV. **Public Comments and Correspondence:** Questions were asked regarding items and updates on the website by Trustee Kunze, Trustee Heili asked when the tax bills would go out, Trustee Horness asked about the ice rink that use to be down at Millersville Park.
- V. **Approval/denial of separating the existing property into two lots for the Extra Territorial Certified Survey Map for W2702 &W2698 State Hwy 32 in the Town of Herman:** Trustee Heili stated that the Planning Commission met and reviewed the CSM. The Town of Herman also reviewed and approved the CSM. The only issue we found was that the Hwy should be 32 and the CSM states that it is Hwy 23. Motion to approve the CSM but with the change to the CSM to reflect the proper Hwy made by Trustee Heili, seconded by Trustee Horness. Carried. 6-0
- VI. **Discussion/ Action for Referendum question and resolution regarding fireworks:** The issue has been a topic of confrontation every budget season. It was decided to put this to a referendum to see what the residents would prefer. The attorney drew up the resolution and verbiage for the question. These steps need to be done in order to place a referendum on the April ballot. The question read as follows " Shall the Village of Howards Grove continue to conduct an annual fireworks display during Silver Dollar Days that is funded by property tax revenue?" It was determined that the verbiage would read " Shall the Village of Howards Grove continue to conduct an annual fireworks display costing \$6000.00 that is funded by property tax revenue?" Motion to approve the referendum with the stated changes made by Trustee Osby, seconded by Trustee Plass. Carried. 6-0
- VII. **Discussion/Action for update of municipal court to add Village of Glenbeulah or if Village wants to leave the municipal court:** We were contacted by the Village of Elkhart Lake to get approval to add the Village of Glenbeulah. After discussion it was determined to stay with the court and allow Glenbeulah to be added. Motion to add the Village of Glenbeulah to the Municipal court made by Trustee Plass, seconded by Trustee Horness. Carried. 6-0
- VIII. **Discussion/update on properties in violation of Nuisance ordinance at 422 Wisconsin Dr and 502 College Ave:** Plass stated that he spoke to the owners and the renters at 502 College and that they would be back in contact with him by the end of the week to give the Village a Plan and timeframe as to when the property would be cleaned up. The renter was in for Wisconsin Dr and was given the ordinances and was also going to contact Public Works with questions.
- IX. **Discussion/Action on property at 1505 Birdland Road for Violation of burning ordinances:** This property had numerous complaints regarding burning of larger brush and branches from trees that were cut on the property and it was also stated that the fire was left unattended and burned all night. Discussion on sending a letter or having the Sheriff visit the property. It was determined to have the Sheriff visit the property and state that the Village was made aware and that the board asked them to respond to the complaint.
- X. **Operator Licenses:** We have applications for 2-year operator licenses for Mary Truttschel and Erin Stange and a 1- year for Julia Hofmann. All applicants have proper paperwork and background checks completed. Motion to approve made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Osby. Carried. 6-0
- XI. **Discussion/approval of a new account to separate funds for the sewer upgrade:** The Village had a meeting with Donohue and the DNR last week and we are required to open a separate non-

interest checking account to keep the funds for the clean water project separate. Motion to open a separate checking account for the project made by Turstee Osby, seconded by Trustee Heili. Carried. 6-0

XII. Village and Sanitary Utility Vouchers: The Finance committee recommended approval. Motion to approve the vouchers and issue the checks for the dates of November 18 to December 11, 2020 for \$31,610.31 and the date December 14, 2020 totaling \$28,930.73 made by Trustee Plass, seconded by Trustee Osby. Carried. 6-0

XIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:30pm made by Trustee Osby, seconded by Trustee Heili. Carried. 6-0

Approved: January 5, 2021

Christan Brandt, Clerk Treasurer