

Village of Howards Grove Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2021
Approved

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm in the Village Hall.
- II. **Verification of Meeting Duly Noticed:** It was stated and verified that the meeting was duly noticed.
- III. **Roll Call:** Present were President Jeff Plass, Trustee's Lee Kunze, Michael Winter, Josh Pieper, Connie Meyer, Taylor Horness, Public Works Director Ryan Welsing, and Clerk Christian Brandt. Absent Trustee Eric Kriete.
- IV. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Kunze to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes with the amendment to the date. Carried. 6-0
- V. **Public Comments and Correspondence:** Resident Tracy Blaul from Armstrong voiced her concerns with Mr Turnpaugh. Tracy stated that she has concerns with all the vehicles in his yard that have been there for years and what can be leaking into the ground and affecting her well water. The tall weeds and grass around the cars that do not move. There are many issues that are against Village ordinances. Amanda and Marcus Verdine from Armstrong also stated the same issues as well as loud noise from a truck that he has there. The noise and vibration are so loud that it rattles items on her walls and shelves. They have also been told that their property value has depreciated because of the status of the status of all the junk in the neighbor's yard. The addition of a proposed slab will do nothing to fix this issue and the ordinance violations on that property. Harold Patske on College Ave stated he was concerned with the runoff from the vehicles that have been parked on the property for at least 3 years. He also stated he has snakes in his yard now and never did prior to the last few years. The noise is also an issue.
- VI. **Discussion/Action Howards Grove Athletic Association for approval to place scoreboard and foul posts at Memorial Park:** This was brought before the Park Committee and was recommended for approval. Motion made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Horness to approve the foul posts and scoreboard. Carried. 6-0
- VII. **Discussion/Action on proposals for contracted garbage services:** Due to issues that have arisen over the last 9 months the Village requested looking into other service options for the garbage pickup. We have proposals from Harters and GFL. Both companies have various options and costs. After discussion the board would like for this to go to the Finance Committee for the to go over the options thoroughly and bring the recommendation back to the board.
- VIII. **Discussion/ Possible action on nuisance ordinance property violation and request for a slab to be added to driveway for parking at 931 Armstrong owner Eric Turnpaugh:** It was stated that allowing an addition of a slab would only add to the issue that is already there. The board needs to uphold the ordinances. Motion made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Winter to deny the request to place a parking/slab area at 931 Armstrong. Carried 6-0 Motion made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Horness to send the Nuisance Violation to the Attorney to schedule with the court for clean-up. Carried. 6-0
- IX. **Public Works: Discussion/ Action 2022 Road Project approval:** PW Director Welsing stated that he put together info for possible road projects for 2022 and had Kapur put together some rough estimates. His main focus is going to be S. Lincoln Dr from College Ave to Custer Ave., and he would like to add alternates Lee Ave and S. Macarthur St. He needs to approval of the board to move forward so that he can notify the residents. Motion made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Horness to move forward with the 2022 road project of S. Lincoln Dr from College to Custer with alternates Lee and Macarthur Ave. Carried. 6-0
- X. **Discussion/ Action on possible loan for projects around the Village such as signs, parks, upgrade decorations:** President Plass stated he wanted to keep this in everyone's thoughts as there are upgrades that need to be done to make our Village look better. He would like ideas for

projects that could be done. We know we need to update the parks so that is definingly the focus. Budget time is coming, and he would like to get things moving along.

- XI. Approve reimbursement # 5 Staab Construction for Clean Water Fund:** PW Director Welsing stated that everything is on track and looking good. Donohue has signed off on the payout and he recommends approval as well. Motion made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Horness to approve Staab #5 payout for \$47,120.00. Carried. 6-0
- XII. Discussion/ Action to adjust the rental fees to accommodate for inspections/cleaning:** President Plass stated that this was brought up at committee level. We need an individual to come in between rentals and do an inspection. To accommodate for the cost, we recommend adjusting the fee from \$65.00 to \$85.00. Motion made by Trustee Plass, seconded by Trustee Kunze. Carried. 6-0
- XIII. Discuss/ Action for new locks and keys for Village Hall doors:** New locks and keys are needed for the Hall doors and we had two quotes presented. The Finance Committee reviewed and recommended La Force. Motion made by Trustee Plass, seconded by Trustee Winter to go with La Force for \$357. Carried. 6-0
- XIV. Operator Licenses:** We had two bartender applications presented; Tracy Leonhardt and Kathleen Dunn both for 2-year licenses. Motion made by Trustee Kunze, seconded by Trustee Pieper to approve the licenses. Carried. 6-0
- XV. Village and Sanitary Vouchers:** Finance reviewed and recommended approval. Motion made by Trustee Plass, seconded by Trustee Kunze to approve checks dated July 20, 2021, to August 15, 2021 in the amount of \$38,973.10 and the vouchers for checks 146381 to 146419, Int21-08, DNTL21-08, GARB21-07, HLTH21-08, DBINS21-08, NEBAT21-07, USCELL21-07 dated August 16, 2021, totaling \$66,031.20. Carried. 6-0
- XVI. Adjournment:** Motion made by Trustee Meyer seconded by Trustee Pieper to adjourn at 6:49pm. Carried. 6-0

Approved: September 27, 2021

Submitted by: Christian Brandt, Clerk Treasurer