

**Village of Howards Grove Board
Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2022**

- 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 that the meeting was verified and duly noticed.
- III. **Roll Call:** Present were President Jeff Plass, Trustee's Eric Kriete, Mike Winter, Josh Pieper, Connie Meyer, Taylor Horness, Public Works Director Ryan Welsing and Clerk treasurer Christan Brandt.
- IV. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Kriete to approve the December 15, 2021, minutes. Carried. 6-0
- V. **Public Comments and Correspondence:** Eric Turnpaugh discussed matters on the agenda item for closed session. Harley Abler discussed matters on the agenda item regarding park referendum.
- VI. **Discuss/Action 2022 Fire Department agreement:** This is the annual agreement and the only item that has changed is the dollar amount and that was approved at budget time. Motion made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Winter to approve the Fire Department agreement for 2022. Carried. 6-0
- VII. **Discuss/Approve Resolution 2022-01 for Referendum to borrow money to update Riverside and Millersville Park equipment.:** President Plass stated that to get this on the ballot in April we needed to approve a resolution. He felt that we need to start wanting people to come to the Village, we want our families to stay here and use our parks, not have to go somewhere else. The equipment that is currently there is older and if it breaks will cannot fix it. It would have to be taken down and out of the park. The referendum is not binding, but we felt the need to see what the opinions of the residents would be. We cannot increase taxes to pay for items, but we are allowed to borrow funds and place the payment of the levy. The loan estimate at this time would be around \$500,000.00, this would be to upgrade both parks in the Village. Public Works director suggested that we maybe add what the cost would be on each tax bill. The verbiage would be added to the resolution and the referendum question. Motion made by President Plass, seconded by Trustee Horness to approve the resolution with the added verbiage to include what dollar amount would be added per thousand on the tax bill. Carried. 6-0
- VIII. **Approve Clean Water Fund Payout #11 Staab Construction:** Motion made by President Plass, seconded by Trustee Winter to approve Staab #11 payout in the amount of \$57,475.00. Carried. 6-0
- IX. **Operator's License:** we had 6 applications for operator licenses, with all paperwork submitted and background checks completed. 2- year licenses for Rebecca Young, Sami Cook, Allison Thill, Brittany Jurek and Rayven Kalermeron; 1-year license for Leslie Zimmerman. Motion made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Pieper. Carried. 6-0
- X. **Temporary Picnic license for Howards Grove Education Foundation:** Motion made by Trustee Winter, seconded by Trustee Horness to approve the temp picnic license for the Howards Grove Education Foundation event on April 8, 2022. Carried. 6-0
- XI. **Village and Sanitary Vouchers:** The vouchers for checks dated December 15, 2021 to January 16, 2022 in the amount of \$2,117,196.23 were presented and the vouchers for checks 146626 to 146673, DNTL22-01, HLTH22-01, NEBAT21-12 dated for January 17, 2022 totaling \$75,273.18. Finance committee reviewed and recommended approval. Motion made by President Plass, seconded by Trustee Pieper to approve the vouchers and issue the checks. Carried. 6-0
- XII. **Closed Session:** Per WI State Statute 19.85 (1) (g) The Village Board may convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat.(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Village who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Village

with respect to litigation in which the Village is or is likely to become involved. During the closed session the Village will discuss matters related to the property located at 502 College Avenue. Motion made by President Plass, seconded by Trustee Kriete to move into closed session at 5:55pm. Carried. Roll call vote taken. 6-0

XIII. Return to open session to report any action taken if necessary: Motion to return to open session at 6:40 pm. Roll call vote taken. 6-0 No action taken.

XIV. Adjournment: Motion made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Pieper to adjourn at 6:41pm. Carried. 6-0

Respectfully submitted by: Christan Brandt, Clerk Treasurer