



Village of Howards Grove Board Meeting
Tuesday October 18, 2022 @ 5:30 pm

Howards Grove Village Hall

913 S. Wisconsin Dr., Howards Grove, Wisconsin

Minutes

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
- II. Verification of Meeting Duly Noticed and Roll Call: The meeting was verified as duly noticed. Present were President Plass, Trustees Abler, Meyer, Pieper and Winter; Director of Public Works Welsing and Clerk Treasurer Komoroski. Absent were Trustees Horness and Kriete.
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes from September 20, 2022: Motion by Trustee Winter to approve the meeting minutes from September 20, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Meyer, NFD, motion carried.
- IV. Public Comments and Correspondence

Note: under Public Comment The public can comment on any topic, but state open meeting laws do not allow for any discussion or action to be taken on issues not listed on the agenda.

Public Comment is limited to 2 minutes per resident.

Trustee Meyer said she was approached a Village resident asking when the Village will allow ATVs to run on Village streets. President Plass said this was brought before the board a few years back and the board at that time said no. Per DPW Director Welsing, the biggest argument was the fact that we have 2 highways in town, and until that changes it will not be at the forefront of any conversations.

President Plass received a letter from the Sheboygan County Transportation Improvement Program, regarding the new County transportation plan, that plan is available for viewing at different locations throughout the County if anyone would be interested.
- V. Overview of 2021 Audit by Bryan Grunewald, CLA.- Bryan started off explaining the closing of both TID 1 & 2, both TIDs were closed before their required termination date, both TIDs did exactly as they were planned to do, we will be getting a small refund back from both of those projects. General fund is in good shape. The sewer utility capital assets have gone up, debt has gone up as well, but so has our equity due to the infrastructure changes made. The audit shows that the rate increase that was initiated was appropriate to keep our net position in the positive.
- VI. Per recommendation of the Planning Commission approve permitted use application for PAJA Properties for the remodel of the building at 720 Madison Ave: Motion made by President Plass to approve the permitted use application for PAJA Properties to remodel the building at 720 Madison Ave., seconded by Trustee Winter, NFD, motion carried.
- VII. Update regarding letter sent by attorney to 128 N. Wisconsin Dr., dilapidated roof on shed owned by Ben Anderson.: The letter from Attorney Ackerman was sent to Mr.



Anderson on October 6, 2022, he has until November 4, 2022 to eliminate the violations or the Village has the right to initiate fines or raze the building at the taxpayers expense.

VIII. Park, Fischer Creek update -- The wooded area of Fisher Creek pathways have numerous dead ash trees that have become a safety hazard to everyone using the path. Director of DPW Welsing contacted several tree removal companies and Shufflebotham Tree Service came in with a quote for \$16,000 or \$2000 a day to come in to cut and drop the dead trees. We have some money in the budget this year so we will have to add the remainder into the 2023 budget. Welsing gave a short update on his meeting with the park playground equipment manufacturer to fine tune the plans for the future park updates.

IX. Financials:

1. Village and Sanitary Vouchers: Motion made by President Plass to approve the monthly Village and Sanitary Vouchers per the recommendation of the finance committee. Seconded by Trustee Winter, NFD, motion carried.
2. Budget Update: The finance committee met on Monday October 17th to work on the 2023 Budget, and even with the Millersville Road project and the park updates we are looking to come in under budget again.

X. Public Meeting Notices

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| 1. Finance Committee Mtg | ... | October 24, 2022 @ 11:00 AM |
| 2. Finance Committee Mtg | ... | November 15, 2022 @ 5:15 PM |
| 3. Village Board Public Hearing | | November 15, 2022 @ 5:30 PM |
| 4. Village Board Budget Public Hearing | | November 15, 2022 @ 5:40 PM |
| 5. Village Board Regular Meeting | | November 15, 2022 @ 5:45 PM |

XI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Pieper, seconded by Trustee Abler, NFD, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM

Submitted by: Mary J Komoroski, Clerk Treasurer

Approved: November 15, 2022