



**Village of Howards Grove
Board Meeting
Tuesday March 7, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
Howards Grove Village Hall
913 S. Wisconsin Dr., Howards Grove, Wisconsin**

Board Minutes

- I. **Call board meeting to Order:** President Plass called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- II. **Verification of Meeting Duly Noticed:** It was verified that the meeting was duly noticed.
- III. **Roll Call:** Present at the meeting; President Plass, Trustees Abler, Horness, Kriete, Myer, Pieper and Winter. Director of Public Work Welsing and Clerk Treasurer Komoroski. Absent: none
- IV. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: February 21, 2023:** Motion made by Trustee Horness to approve the minutes from the February 21st Public Hearing and Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Meyer. NFD. Motion carried.
- V. **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.

Resident Robert Vincent spoke to the board regarding his estimated assessment and would like the board to consider an exemption because of the uniqueness of his property. He sighted various references to validate his reasoning on why he thinks his property has been levied in error and should be reconsidered.

- VI. **Approval of Resolution 2023-02 Final Resolution, Millersville Ave. Road Construction:** President Plass addressed some of the concerns that were brought up at the Public Hearing. He indicated that it is a Sheboygan County is running the project and they oversee the timing, bidding, and finding the best deal. The road project was in the works before the school referendum, there is only going to be sidewalk repair, no new sidewalks will be installed. The Village ordinance states that special charges are not payable in installments, in the past we did offer installment plans, but it was not in the best interest of the residents because of the extra interest we charged to cover our administrative costs. We did bring the special assessment method to vote in the Village and the residents voted to keep the special assessment process in place. The State is updating Hwys 42 and 32 in the near future. Because of Act 10 we have not been able to raise our tax levy to increase our road budget, we have been very conscientious in spending the tax dollars that do come in.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-02 made by President Plass, seconded by Trustee Winter. Question from Trustee Horness, if we did offer a payment plan that would require an ordinance change, correct? Question was addressed, the explanation is in Chapter 45 of our municipal code. NFD. Motion carried.

- VII. **Discuss/Approve Fire Department wish list items:** President Plass wanted to remind the group that we own the Fire Station and owe it to them and the residents to provide them with a “healthy” building, with our limited funds (\$10,000 in the budget) we should take a look to see



what is in the best interest for all parties. Trustee Horness made the comment that the Fire Department came to us and are starting to work with us again, and we are looking to foster the relationship. They use the building, and their No. 1 want was the electrical to the sign. He personally does not have a problem spending the 10K on something they want. PW Director Welsing made a comment that right off the bat the electrical needs are 34K, that is before looking at other structural repairs that need to be done.

VIII. Discuss/Approve Donohue WWTF Operations Assistance Agreement: PW Director Welsing explained that Dave in the WWTF does not have his advanced operator's license and will not be able to get it for another 3 years, according to the DNR he must have 4 years on the job experience. Because of this we need to have an agreement with Donohue to perform the testing and sign all the required paperwork. Motion to approve the WWTF Operations Assistance Agreement with Donohue was made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Winter. NFD. Motion carried.

IX. Public Meeting Notices

1. Finance Committee Mtg March 21, 2023 @ 5:15pm
2. Village Board Regular Mtg March 21, 2023 @ 5:30pm

X. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Pieper, seconded by Trustee Kriete. NFD. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Mary J Komoroski, Clerk Treasurer

Approved: March 21, 2023