



Village of Howards Grove
Public Hearing & Board Meeting
Tuesday November 14, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

Howards Grove Village Hall
913 S. Wisconsin Dr., Howards Grove, Wisconsin

Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held before the Village Board at 5:30pm on Tuesday November 14, 2023, at the Village Hall, 913 S. Wisconsin Dr to hear comments from interested persons concerning the 2024 budget.

- I. Public Hearing Discussion – there was no discussion.
- II. Close of Public Hearing: Motion to close the public hearing was made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Carlson. Motion carried; meeting closed at 5:33 PM

Board Minutes

- I. Call board meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Wuestenhagen at 5:33 PM.
- II. Verification of Meeting Duly Noticed: It was verified that the meeting was duly noticed.
- III. Roll Call: Present at the meeting were President Wuestenhagen, Trustees Abler, Carlson, Horness, Pieper and Sixel, Director of DPW Welsing and Clerk Treasurer Komoroski. Absent was Trustee Meyer.
- IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2023: Motion to approve the meeting minutes as written from the October 17, 2023 meeting was made by Trustee Sixel, seconded by Trustee Carlson. 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.

Clerk Komoroski commented that she received correspondence from Building Solutions, they are contracted with the School District to manage the new addition, regarding zoning questions. She was told to refer to the Planning Commission.
- VI. Update from Sheriff Cory Roesler: Sheriff Roesler spoke to the board about what the Sheriff's departments has been up to. He also fielded questions from Board members and reminded the Board that the Sheriff's department does not issue citations specific to Howards Grove ordinances. He explained that each municipality has unique ordinances that his officers are not required to enforce, they are here to enforce State and County laws, unless of course a situation would call for them to intervene.



- VII. Discussion with HG School Board regarding waiving of building permits for new middle school: HGSD Superintendent Shannon Kilton, along with School Board President Dave Loomis and HGSD Business Manager David Ziegelbauer approached the board to follow up on their request to have the local building permit fees for the new middle school addition waived. They have the money in the budget to pay the building permit fees but are requesting they be waived, if that does happen the money they have set aside will go back into the project not into their operating budget. There was a great discussion from both sides. The Village board members would like to see something in writing showing a commitment of cooperation from the HGSD. The HGSD said they are committed to working with the Village and will get something in writing.
- VIII. Approve the 2024 Budget: Per the recommendation of the Finance Committee a motion to approve the 2024 Budget was made by Trustee Sixel, seconded by Trustee Carlson. NFD. Motion carried.
- IX. Approve Resolution 2023-05 to adopt the 2023 Tax Levy in the amount of \$715,674: Motion made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Carlson to approve Resolution 2023-05 and adopt the 2023 Tax Levy in the amount of \$715,674.00. NFD. Motion carried.
- X. Approve Amended Resolution 2023-04: Resolution 2023-04 was approved at the October meeting which declared the new garbage and recycling user fees were going to be added to the 2023 tax bills. Clerk Komoroski stated she could not get the administrative work done for that and is requesting an amendment to the resolution to add the new charges to the quarterly sewer billings. Motion made by Trustee Sixel to approve the amendment to Resolution 2023-04, seconded by Trustee Horness. NFD. Motion carried.
- XI. Reopen Discussion, Approve/Deny transient merchant application from Samuel O'Reilly, Sidex Corp of WI. Mr. O'Reilly had called earlier in the day stating he was not feeling well and would not be able to attend the meeting in person but would be available over the phone. The Board decided they would like to talk to him face to face to address their concerns before approving his application.
- XII. Financials
 - 1. Village and Sanitary Vouchers: Motion to approve the monthly Village and sanitary vouchers made by Trustee Horness, seconded by Trustee Carlson. NFD. Motion carried.
 - 2. Discuss/Approve per the recommendation of the finance committee obtaining financing with CSB and authorize signers. Per the recommendation of the Finance Committee a motion was made by Trustee Carlson to approve using CSB to obtain \$750,000 in financing to pay for the Millersville Road project and remaining balance of the new park equipment, 5-year loan period and have President Wuestenhagen and Clerk Komoroski be the authorized signers. Motion seconded by Trustee Horness. NFD. Motion carried.



XIII. Public Meeting Notices

1. Finance Committee Mtg December 19, 2023 @ 5:15pm
2. Village Board Regular Mtg December 19, 2023 @ 5:30pm
3. Personnel Mtg..... December 6, 2023 @ 1:00 pm

XIV. Adjournment: Motion by Trustee Carlson to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Pieper. NFD.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Submitted by: Mary J Komoroski

Approved: December 19, 2023