



Village of Howards Grove  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday September 17, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

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

### Board Minutes

- I. Call board meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Wuestenhagen at 5:30 PM.
- II. Verification of Meeting Duly Noticed: It was verified that the meeting was duly noticed.
- III. Roll Call: In attendance were President Wuestenhagen, Trustees Carlson, Meyer, Pieper, Sixel and Winter, Clerk Treasurer Komoroski. Absent were Trustee Horness and DPW Director Welsing.
- IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: August 20, 2024: Motion was made by Trustee Carlson to approve the meeting minutes from the August 20, 2024 meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Sixel. No further discussion, motion carried.
- V. Statement regarding Village Revaluation from Village President Wuestenhagen: President Wuestenhagen made a statement regarding the recent revaluation done in the Village. This was State mandated, the Village was not in compliance and therefore needed to have an assessment done. If we had not done the assessment the State would have come in and done it for us and charged us accordingly. The purpose of the assessment was to bring the housing values closer to market value, not just to raise taxes. The mill rate will readjust to reflect the new values and balance the tax base. The Village tax portion on the annual taxes is only 1 of 4 entities that receive taxes from Village residents. This will bring us into compliance with the State.
- VI. 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.

There were a few residents who chose to speak:

1. Angela Dulmes, 208 S Wisconsin Drive. Asked if we were the only municipality in our area to have a revaluation done. Also asked if the Village was aware of the stuff in the Sway's parking lot accumulating.
2. Jerry Fetterer, 424 Van Buren Rd. commented that per state statute an assessment should take place at least once every 5 year period and given proper notice both by mail and on Village web-site and feels things were not done properly but understands what is going on.



3. Jamie Eisentraut – 404 Roosevelt Ave. commented that he did receive something in the mail with regard to the assessment.
  4. Mark McDonald – 906 Hawthorne Dr. He was at the open book this morning and the assessor said we haven't been reassessed since 2016 and it should have been done in 2021 but he said the Village chose not to because of 2020 election and COVID and it would have been easier to get hit with a 25% to 35% adjustment in 2021 rather than a 65% to 70% adjustment today. He wishes the Village would raise taxes to get things done, he pays \$580 a year to the Village and \$2800 to the school system and gets nothing out of it. He wants his streets swept, he wants the parks maintained, basins cleaned, fix the pothole on Whittier that has been there for 2 years. He would rather see the taxes raised for the Village to get stuff done, hire more employees and get more done.
- VII. Update from Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Brad Robinson: Sgt. Robinson gave an update on the ongoing investigation of the recent burglaries that occurred in the Village. Talked about the Sheriff presence within the Village the number of citations vs. warnings, school bus safety, and upcoming winter parking rules.
- VIII. Per recommendation from the Planning Commission approve Certified Survey Map application submitted by Tim and Ann Doro, parcel #59004037350, Town of Herman, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin. Zoning classification to remain Ag Use. Motion to approve made by Trustee Sixel, seconded by Trustee Carlson. Motion carried.
- IX. Per recommendation from the Planning Commission, approve changes made to Ordinance Chapter 395, Floodplain Zoning per Wisconsin DNR. Motion to approve made by Trustee Winter, seconded by Trustee Carlson. Motion carried to approve the changes to Ordinance Chapter 395 Floodplain Zoning per recommendation from the Planning Commission. Motion carried.
- X. Financials – Per recommendation from the Finance Committee approve Village and Sanitary vouchers. Motion to approve the monthly made by Trustee Sixel, seconded by Trustee Carlson, motion carried.
- XI. Public Meeting Notices
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| Public Works/Parks Mtg    | September 23, 2024 @ 4:30 PM |
| Finance Committee Mtg     | October 15, 2024 @ 5:00pm    |
| Village Board Regular Mtg | October 15, 2024 @ 5:30pm    |
- XII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Carlson, Seconded by Trustee Pieper. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Submitted by: Mary J Komoroski, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: October 15, 2024