

**Minutes of the Village Board Meeting
Jan. 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall Board Room**

Call to Order

Village President Burt R. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Village President Burt R. McIntyre; Ron Bredael, Trustee Wards 1 & 2; Chris Nielsen, Trustee Wards 3 & 4; Cathy Hughes, Trustee Wards 5 & 6; John Muraski, Trustee Wards 7 & 8; Scott Beyer, Wards 9 & 10; Ray Suennen, Trustee Wards 11 & 12; Adam Lemorande, Trustee Wards 13-14 & 18; Craig McAllister, Wards 15-17

Also (staff): Paul Evert, Chris Haltom, Geoff Farr, Mike Kaster, Chief Don Phillips, Chief Ed Janke, Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. McIntyre confirmed the Village Board's compliance with state open meeting laws.

Approve Agenda

C. Hughes moved to approve the agenda. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

B. McIntyre read a proclamation honoring Don Phillips for his service with the Howard Fire Department.

B. McIntyre read a proclamation recognizing Dave Fonder for 43 years of employment with the Village of Howard.

Public Appearances

None.

Future Agenda Items

A. Lemorande requested an update on occupancy and rental rates for the Howard Commons Apartments.

R. Suennen requested a forecast of state transportation aids and the potential impact on the 2022-2023 Lineville Road reconstruction project.

Consent Agenda

C McAllister moved to approve the Consent Agenda. R. Suennen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously**, and the following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the Jan. 14, 2019 Village Board meeting

Receipt of the Jan. 21, 2019 Plan Commission meeting minutes

Municipal invoices totaling \$318,644.40, paid with checks #64522-64592

Operator's Licenses for the following individuals:
Elizabeth C. Barber

Carl J. Burkart
Rochelle R. Meidam
Sharon M. Meyer
Alexandria M. Landry
Ashley L. Greenfield
Andrew D. Nuthals
Rebecca A. Spilker
Kaitlyn M. Storm
Melissa A. Thomas
Jacque M. Tilot
Cassandra L. Williamson

PLAN COMMISSION ITEMS

- i. The request from Scott Vann for conditional use approval to construct an outdoor patio, bar, and dining area at 2840 Shawano Ave., VH-485
- ii. The request from Keith Duquaine for Preliminary Planned Development District approval to construct three 20-unit apartment buildings at the corner of Riverview Drive and Maywood Avenue, VH-455
- iii. Ordinance 2019-01, establishing conditional use standards for mini-warehousing in the I-3 industrial park light industry and I-4 industrial park heavy industry zoning districts

New Business

Repealing required water and sewer connections

G. Farr reviewed the existing ordinances requiring water and sewer utility connections and prohibiting private sewage disposal systems, the importance of the ordinances, and their impact on the water utility. C. McAllister discussed his proposal to repeal and/or amend the ordinances. The board discussed.

C. McAllister moved to suspend the rules to hear from the audience. C. Hughes seconded. *The motion to suspend the rules carried unanimously.* The following people spoke:

- George Hoell, 3786 Evergreen Ave., said he and other rural property owners with large parcels are paying exorbitant amounts to extend utilities that they don't want or need. He said property owners should have the choice to keep their well and septic systems.
- John Faikel, 1693 Greenfield Ave., said he has a wonderful well and prefers the taste and quality of well water over chemically treated municipal water.
- Amber Gumm, 4306 Shawano Ave., said property owners should have the option to keep their wells at least for outdoor use. She also had several questions about the impact specifically to her property when the utilities are extended and if she were to sell it.
- John Kato, 3649 Evergreen Ave., said not all the properties in his neighborhood have been fairly or consistently required to hook up.

- Chad McAllister, 4433 Milltown Road, said he has a well and septic system that work just fine and that he's being "forced to subsidize the utility."
- Doug Ault, 3766 Evergreen Ave., said he objects to rural property owners with quality wells and septic systems having to pay to hook up to municipal systems that they don't want or need.
- Mark Prust, 3834 Evergreen Ave., said he was already forced to hook up to the utilities and it cost him \$45,000 of retirement funds. He said he supports changing the ordinances to properties with wells and septic systems to routinely test their systems and only hook up if and when their system fails so they can plan for that expense.
- Pat Laes, 4300 Milltown Road, said he supports paying a share of services that residents use. He said forcing property owners to connect to a service that they don't want or need isn't fair.
- Joel Zernicke, 4316 Shawano Ave., said he just built his home in 2015 and paid to have his well drilled because municipal water wasn't available. He said if he had known that just a few years later he was going to be forced to connect and to pay for it, he never would have bought the property.

C. McAllister moved to return to regular order of business. S. Beyer seconded. *The motion to return to regular order carried unanimously.*

The board discussed at length, including precedent, environmental concerns, impacts on the water utility, and fairness to property owners past and present.

C. McAllister moved to table the item until the first meeting in March. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion to table carried unanimously.**

Modifications to the Employee Personnel Policy

P. Evert discussed proposed changes to the Employee Personnel Policy related to the use of cell phones while driving and vacation accrual. R. Suennen moved to approve changing the Employee Personnel Policy as discussed. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2019 Shoreline Plantings Project

M. Kaster discussed the bids that were received for the 2019 shoreline plantings project. C. McAllister moved to approve awarding the project to NES Ecological Services for \$121,171.45, contingent upon attorney review of the contract. C. Nielsen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Howard Commons change orders

P. Evert reviewed the list of change orders for the Howard Commons Apartments. C. Hughes moved to approve the following change orders:

- i. Item #27 – Wenger – revised trash room siding repair for \$1,400
- ii. Item #74 – RC Excavating – excavate for stair stoops added in bid package #2 at a cost of \$4,525
- iii. Item #86 – Dave Jones – temperature in Spectrum head end rooms Buildings A & B for \$4,243
- iv. Item #86 – Vos Electric – temperature in Spectrum head end rooms Buildings A & B for \$757
- v. Item #86 – Altius Drywall – temperature in Spectrum head end rooms Buildings A & B for \$1,000*
- vi. Item #95 – Cardinal Construction – panic hardware at electrical room doors for \$2,589
- vii. Item #96 – Cardinal Construction – door hardware set for exterior manual door to parking for \$994
- viii. Item #97 – Cardinal Fabricating – addition of exterior stair railing for \$2,320
- ix. Item #98 – Lowney’s Landscaping – area wells for \$7,563
- x. Item #99 – Fortress Fence – fence for sprinkler valve security for \$1,985
- xi. Item #100 – Vos Electric – Amazon hub electrical/data for \$505
- xii. Item #101 – Altius – window caulking for \$11,399
- xiii. Item #102 – H.J. Martin – miscellaneous flooring extras for \$1,234
- xiv. Item #103 – Wenger – siding purchased for pool house for \$6,604
- xv. Item #104 – Wenger – downspout modifications for storm piping for \$2,936
- xvi. Item #105 – Wenger – sheet metal for added waterproofing for \$7,539

A.Lemorande seconded. C. McAllister pulled Item #101 for further explanation and approval at the next meeting. **The revised motion carried unanimously.**

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

C. Haltom reviewed the financial report for the General Fund, Golf Course and Utilities for the year ended Dec. 31, 2018. **No action was taken.**

CLOSED SESSION

C. Hughes moved to convene to closed session. J. Muraski seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board convened to closed session at 8:25 p.m.**

OPEN SESSION

J. Muraski moved to re-convene to open session. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board re-convened to open session at 9:19 p.m.**

Action

R. Suennen moved to create a TIF District #9 and to pursue a development agreement for VH-747-B-766. A. Lemorande seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Adjourn

C. Nielsen moved to adjourn. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the board adjourned at 9:20 p.m.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening
Administrative Assistant