

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
December 11, 2014**

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on December 11, 2014, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Bill Ebner, Doug Jorstad, Steve Johnston, Rich Anderson and Chuck Olson. Dawn Kulcinski was excused. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Police Chief McHugh, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Attorney Brian Weber and Pat McKnight.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Steve Johnston/Bill Ebner motioned to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Doug Jorstad/Chuck Olson motioned to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014, Special Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Resolution #16-2014 – Acceptance of a CSM – Dividing Lot 12 of Block 8, Deerwood Park Estates on Maple Shade Drive into Two Buildable Zero Lot Line Parcels. The motion carried unanimously.

County Supervisor's Report

President Proctor reported on behalf of County Supervisor Barlow that a vote on a proposed vehicle tax will be delayed until next year as well as any decision for Lot C development in La Crosse. He extended holiday wishes to the Board, and thanked them for working hard for the Village residents in 2014.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Anderson reported that ridership had increased by 165 (from 1699 to 1864 from October 2013 to October 2014).

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

All items were informational only.

Law Enforcement Committee

Bill Ebner/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Educational Incentives for 2015 in the approved budget amount of \$3,000 to be split equally between requesting Officers Sedevie and Spears upon fulfilling class requirements. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

All items were informational only.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Bill Ebner/Rich Anderson motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$744,359.99. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Ebner/Chuck Olson motioned to approve renewal of Operator License for Rhonda L. Kuehl – The Winesitters Brewhouse, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Chuck Olson motioned to approve renewal of Operator License for Brittany L. Heath – Holmen American Legion. Trustee Jorstad requested the Police Chief give a brief update to the Board on the requirements for license approval by his Department. Chief McHugh stated that each application was reviewed to determine if any issues would impede the performance of duties, as well as reviewing timeline of issues. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Chuck Olson motioned to approve renewal of Operator License for Rebecca J. Saddler – The Pour House. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Steve Johnston motioned to approve Change in Agent for the Winesitters Brewhouse – Amber L. Todd. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Chuck Olson motioned to approve Resolution #17-2014 – A Resolution Amending the 2014 Village Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Court Update

No meeting was held.

Fire Board Report

No meeting was held.

Other Items before the Board

Trustee Olson inquired that Public Works Director Olson look into the salt/sand policy for the Village; specifically how and when trucks are called out, which streets are completed first and the condition of our equipment. He felt that sand that was being used on the streets was excessive and a waste of material and labor. He would like to review the policy and the equipment in order to prepare for the upcoming jurisdictional transfer for County roads. He explained that his comments were meant to be positive; he would like to assist the Department with obtaining new equipment as needed. Trustee Olson also encouraged the Board to take a pro-active approach to municipal cooperative discussions; he feels the Village should be leading the discussions on things such as annexations and Fire Board agreements. Olson feels that the Village has not done a good job conveying position on situations which lead to criticism. Olson respects his predecessors on the Board but thinks we can do better to promote good public relations and good marketing; he challenges the Board to step up and become a leader in 2015. He feels the recent purchase by Town of Holland for the community center site gives the Village an opportunity to step up; he is not encouraging a huge commitment but in partnering in the facilitation of the project. He feels the Board should become a true leader in the community; they are elected to represent the constituents but he feels the constituents don't always hear the full story. He would like the Board to come up with a plan to be proactive, go on the offense instead of having to defend. He would like to see one spokesperson to deliver a formulated message. Olson stated that the lead dog has the best view, and it is time for us to be the leaders.

Administrator Heinig stated that he was very proud of the work of the staff and Board in 2014.

Attorney Weber thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as the Village attorney for a full year, he was looking forward to a great 2015.

Holiday wishes were shared.

Doug Jorstad/Bill Ebner motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer