

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
March 14, 2013**

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 14, 2013, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Tony Horvath, Neal Forde, Dawn Kulcinski, Mike Dunham, Dan Moser and Ryan Olson. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Police Chief McHugh, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Attorney Alan Peterson, Park & Recreation Asst. Director Reinhart, Lt. Collins, Marilyn Pedretti, Rolly Bogert, Mark Boyd, Laurie Kessler, Mary Lin Wershofen, Doug Jorstad, Steve Miceli, Carolyn Dvorak, Jeffrey Schroeder, Ethan Schroeder, Barry Ploessl, MSA Consultant Andrew Bremmer, Channel 8 Reporter, Brad Williams and Jean Burgess.

Public Comment

Steve Miceli commented that he was upset with the Village for not yet proceeding with fluoridation.

Minutes

Ryan Olson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2013, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Mark Boyd from Apostolic Life Church spoke on behalf of the potential annexation; he expressed his desire for the annexation to proceed smoothly to allow them to begin construction of their new building. He stated their purpose was to tie into water and sewer services the Village has available to the property. Tony Horvath/Neal Forde motioned to approve Ordinance 4-2013 Apostolic Life Church Annexation. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Items before the Board

Item 15.1 was moved up on the agenda. Mary Lin Wershofen and Laurie Kessler gave a presentation on creating a regional community center in Holmen. They inquired on the desire for the Village to commit to continue in future discussion regarding the potential center. Administrator Heinig offered Park & Recreation staff as well as himself to be available for discussion if the Board desired. By show of hands the Board was unanimous in supporting commitment to continuing conversations on the regional community center.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisor Pedretti gave a brief update on informational items.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Kulcinski reported that ridership had decreased by 51 rides (from 1740 to 1689) from January 2012 to January 2013.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Trustee Forde reported that the Park, Recreation and Library Committee did not meet in March; he updated the Board on library counts. Director Brogan updated the Board on the schedule for playground equipment replacement, and mentioned that since reducing the non-resident pool membership cost, the number sold has increased significantly.

Law Enforcement Committee

Trustee Kulcinski stated all items were informational only.

Public Works Committee

Mike Dunham/Tony Horvath motioned to approve Davy Engineering proposal for engineering services necessary to follow directive to change fluoridation chemical and implement required modifications to well house fluoridation equipment in the amount of \$6,000. PW Director Olson explained this cost is for engineering services and submission of plans to the DNR; converting the system will require replacing existing equipment for an additional estimated cost of \$60,000 to \$72,000. President Proctor pointed out that the Village has already spent almost \$100,000 to facilitate the fluoridation process, and inquired as to how the Public Works Committee could ask for additional funds. Trustee Olson pointed out that the motion failed in Committee and that Trustee Dunham was asking for the approval in spite of Committee denial. Trustee Horvath was concerned this motion was for engineering costs only; he doesn't feel the process was properly vetted. Trustee Forde commented that 95% of communities in the State of Wisconsin and 99% of the country use the current chemical; he doesn't understand the question of safety at all. Trustee Kulcinski states that she would prefer not to fluoridate at all but feels if we need to proceed; she feels we should use the better chemical. Trustee Forde inquired as to what makes the other chemical better. Trustee Dunham asked the Board that all comments be directed to the President. President Proctor stated this was a discussion period and members could discuss between themselves as usual. Trustee Dunham expressed his frustration that in 2008 the chemical question was not discussed; he feels the Village needs to compromise and this change is imperative to move forward. President Proctor commented that she did not feel Trustee Dunham was being a good steward of Village money by supporting this expense. Trustee Olson stated he appreciated the desire to compromise but has a problem with spending money on a system we never used, to spend more money on engineering which then indicates a move forward to spend money on implementation. He also mentioned the concern with staff safety as well as cost. Trustee Horvath stated that communities do use this compound therefore it is not a crazy idea, although he would support pushing the decision off until a future referendum. Trustee Moser commented that the previous Board action to suspend fluoridation was validated when the EPA reduced levels; he feels like the change to the new safer chemical should not be questioned. The motion carried with Kulcinski, Dunham, Moser and Horvath in favor; Proctor, Forde and Olson opposed.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$2,276,951.64. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to approve Operator License for Alia Schuster – Festival Foods. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Heinig thanked Town of Onalaska Chairman Bogert for meeting with President Proctor and himself on a variety of occasions to resolve cost share options for Sand Lake Road. He presented the Memorandum of Understanding and expressed his desire that this be the first of many boundary talks with the Towns. Ryan Olson/Dan Moser motioned to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Onalaska regarding Sand Lake Road. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to approve Resolution #3-2013 Adopting the Village of Holmen Compensation & Classification Structure. Trustee Dunham inquired as to the use of previous MSA study to create this structure and posed questions on benefits and overtime. Administrator Heinig stated that concerns with overtime had been addressed satisfactorily with staff and that all benefit issues would be addressed in the revised employee manual. Trustee Olson commented that he feels the Village is leading in this area, and he feels it is important for staff relations to have set expectations. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Tony Horvath motioned to approve Resolution #4-2013 Adopting a Street Superintendent Position Description and Reclassifying a Staff Member to the Position. Administrator Heinig stated this

position was developed to acknowledge a staff member that has been performing these duties for many years; it fulfills a need for supervisor hierarchy in the field and the position would begin June 1, 2013. Public Works Director Olson thanked the Board for their consideration of the position and mentioned that the new position will set up the Village for future growth as well as recognizing a dedicated staff member. Trustee Olson feels the position creation is long overdue and feels the addition will help to fulfill needs for many years. Trustee Dunham inquired as to his desire to see the creation of new positions go through both the appropriate committee and the Board for approval; Administrator Heinig assured him that we would follow that procedure for future additions. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Olson complimented Administrator Heinig and Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg for their work involved in a Standard & Poor review which resulted in an extension of our current AA- rating for an additional three years which should result in significant savings in future borrowings.

Municipal Court Update

Next meeting will be held in April.

Fire Board Report

The new fire truck should be prepared for delivery by the end of March, next meeting will be held in April.

Other Items before the Board

Trustee Dunham commented on his request to add the agenda item for Board consideration of an April 2014 referendum. He stated there had not been support at Public Works Committee level, however he felt it was important the items should be discussed at the Board level. Tony Horvath/Dan Moser motioned to approve Board Consideration of an April 2014 Referendum on Fluoridation – directing staff to formulate a legal question and resolution for consideration by the Public Works Committee and the suspension of all other fluoridation actions until such referendum. Trustee Forde, in his recollection felt like the original fluoride referendum was a result of a petition, therefore he feels any revisiting of the referendum question should come from a petition also. Attorney Peterson stated the intent of the agenda item as published was not clear. Tony Horvath/Michael Dunham motioned to table Board Consideration of an April 2014 Referendum on Fluoridation – directing staff to formulate a legal question and resolution for consideration by the Public Works Committee and the suspension of all other fluoridation actions until such referendum. The motion carried unanimously.

Tony Horvath/Dan Moser motioned to Direct Public Works to Distribute Information to affected Households on Fluoride/Fluoride Removal thirty days in Advance of the Beginning of Fluoridation. Tony Horvath commented on his request to add the agenda item for Board Consideration, he stated that regardless of when fluoride begins, he feels that communication needs to be distributed to residents including instructions on how to remove fluoride for not only drinking but for household use also. He felt the information would not need to be elaborate; possibly a postcard initiative to educate residents. Trustee Forde expressed his concern with supporting specific fluoride removal methods; he stated the Village should be careful not to promote a certain system. Trustee Olson supported the idea of distributing information to residents; he commented that fluoride benefits were found in lower doses which he feels is why the EPA reduced the usage levels; he doesn't feel the lowering was a safety issue. Trustee Dunham feels community members are getting fluoride from other levels, and the level was lowered reflecting increase in dental fluorosis. The motion carried with Kulcinski, Dunham, Olson, Moser and Horvath in favor; Proctor and Forde opposed.

Public Works Director Olson thanked the Board for their support of both the Compensation & Classification Structure and the Street Superintendent Position addition.

Trustee Dunham asked Administrator Heinig to formulate an ordinance to recognize fluoridation in existing water ordinance for review at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

Trustee Olson acknowledged the passing of Barry Bertleson, and complimented his service and dedication to the Village of Holmen.

Trustee Horvath stated his opinion that the original fluoridation referendum question did not come from petition but rather from a Board decision.

Birthday wishes were extended to Trustee Olson.

Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg reminded everyone of the April 2, 2013, election.

Administrator Heinig stated that he was proud of the Village management staff and complimented Public Works Director Olson as well as Public Works employee Mark Snuggerud for their dedication early Sunday morning to deal with a drainage issue in the Ponderosa subdivision.

Tony Horvath/Ryan Olson motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer