

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
December 12, 2013**

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on December 12, 2013, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Doug Jorstad, Ryan Olson, Neal Forde, Dawn Kulcinski, Bill Ebner and Rich Anderson. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Police Chief McHugh, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Attorney Al Peterson, Attorney Brian Weber, Melissa Erdman, Patrick Barlow, Ryan Holman, Marilyn Pedretti, Sandy Thompson and Jean Burgess.

Public Hearing

None.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013, Special Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Kulcinski/Bill Ebner motioned to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisor Pedretti updated the committee on the status of the La Crosse County Administrative Building plans and introduced new County Supervisor Patrick Barlow. Barlow reported the County Board was grateful for the cooperation of the Village on the Sand Lake Road project and offered to be a contact source for the Village in the future.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Anderson reported that ridership had increased by 101 rides (from 1598 to 1699) from October 2012 to October 2013.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Informational items only.

Law Enforcement Committee

Informational items only.

Public Works Committee

Neal Forde/Rich Anderson motioned to approve repairs to Ford 8000 Plow Truck from La Crosse Truck in the amount of \$7,182.93. The motion carried unanimously.

Neal Forde/Bill Ebner motioned to approve soft start repair for Well 6 from Kish in the amount of \$8,659.42. The motion carried unanimously.

Neal Forde/Ryan Olson motioned to approve Resolution #2-2013 – Resolution Providing for Binding Referendum on Fluoridation of Village of Holmen Water Supply. Trustee Ebner commented that he felt the issue before them was not about fluoridation but rather about government waste. He felt that the residents had already made the decision as well as spent the money for a system that has only now been in use since summer of 2013. He commented on his frustration at the idea that the issue could continually go to a binding referendum question only to be overturned by future change in the Board. He also commented that the original question was asked during a presidential election rather than a spring race which would not take a poll of the same group of residents. Forde agreed with Ebner regarding the waste issue of the purchased equipment but felt if the question went to the voters and passed once again, the Village could put the issue to rest. Trustee Kulcinski commented on the feedback she has received which would indicate a desire to vote on the issue again; she felt it would not hurt anything to take a vote in order to feel confident in the decision to fluoridate. Trustee Olson stated his agreement also with Trustee Ebner's feeling of equipment waste but felt he needed to keep the word he made to a previous Board to support this resolution. Trustees Jorstad and Anderson both agreed that the public had already decided and they felt the binding referendum needed to be honored. The motion failed with Kulcinski, Olson, and Forde in favor Ebner, Proctor, Anderson and Jorstad opposed.

Neal Forde/Ryan Olson motioned to approve Resolution #25-2013 – A Resolution Affirming the Continued Fluoridation of the Village of Holmen water supply. Trustee Olson requested that upon approval of this motion, the fluoridation issue be immediately codified; Administrator Heinig assured him that would be the next step. The motion passed with Ebner, Forde, Proctor, Olson, Jorstad, Anderson in favor, Kulcinski opposed.

Neal Forde/Bill Ebner motioned to approve Holmen Drive lift station A (Bing's) pump repair with Lackore in an amount to not exceed \$3,100.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$338,431.72. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Resolution #27-2013 – a Resolution amending the 2013 Village Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve 2014-2015 election inspectors as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Resolution #24-2013 - Recognition of Service for Chuck Spiker. The motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Court Update

Nothing to report.

Fire Board Report

Next meeting will be held December 19th.

Other Items before the Board

Trustee Kulcinski inquired as to if the Village had decided on the refuse bin issue that is currently being debated in other local municipalities. Administrator Heinig indicated that a decision, which had been previously approved by the Board, had a made on size of bins and that the cost savings to the Village was immense, therefore he felt it was the right decision to have made. He also pointed out that the Village

was giving residents until 2015 to begin with the refuse bins and that literature had been and would be distributed again in order to educate the residents on the changes.

President Proctor commented on the new blinds installed in the Halfway Creek Park West shelter and what a nice addition they were.

Trustee Olson stated that he has received many compliments on the new Christmas lights on Main Street, and commented that he felt they were a good investment for the community.

Closed Session

At 7:50 pm, Bill Ebner/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiation the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Purpose: Potential property purchase.

and

19.85(1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. *Purpose: Town of Onalaska Incorporation.* The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Olson abstained from closed session discussions on potential property purchase. At 8:10 pm, Trustee Olson was called into closed session for discussion on Town of Onalaska Incorporation.

At 8:18 pm, Dawn Kulcinski/Rich Anderson motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to consider Resolution #26-2013 – Resolution of the Village of Holmen to Annex the Town of Onalaska Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0203(6). The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to approve Resolution #26-2013 – Resolution of the Village of Holmen to Annex the Town of Onalaska Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0203(6). The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Bill Ebner motioned to instruct council to file Resolution #26-2013 with the circuit court along with a legal challenge to the Town's attempt to incorporate. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer