

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
November 12, 2015**

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:05 pm on November 12, 2015, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Steve Johnston, Rich Anderson, Dawn Kulcinski, Chuck Olson, Bill Ebner and Doug Jorstad. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Police Chief McHugh, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Attorney Brian Weber, Lt. Collins, James Steinbrink, Judy Gull, Tammy McCoy, Peg Johnson, Shawn McAllister, Patrick Barlow, Dick Barbour, Rick Beyer, Kevin Fry, Dick Berg and Pat McKnight.

Public Hearing

Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to open the public hearing on Chapter 5, Section 7, (Village Board meetings) of the Code of the Village of Holmen and Creating Chapter 164, Article II, Room Tax Commission, of the Code of the Village of Holmen at 7:07 pm. The motion carried unanimously. No comments were made. Chuck Olson/Steve Johnston motioned to close the public hearing at 7:10 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Patrick Barlow spoke in appreciation of the Village working towards an agreeable Fire Board contract, and remarked that he hopes the issues within the Fire Department will move quickly to a resolution. He suggested an external review of the general operation of the Department to ensure a quick recovery to fulfil the safety needs of the community.

Minutes

Dawn Kulcinski/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Ebner/Chuck Olson motioned to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015, Special Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the preliminary plat of King's Bluff Addition off Bluffview Court. The motion carried with Proctor, Ebner, Jorstad, Kulcinski, Johnston and Anderson in favor; Olson abstained.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the petition to rezone from A (Agricultural) to a mix of R-1 (Single-family), R-4 (Two-family) and R-5 (Multi-family) district (parcel 14-4003-0). The motion carried with Proctor, Ebner, Jorstad, Kulcinski, Johnston and Anderson in favor; Olson abstained.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Final Plat of Rosewood Subdivision. The motion carried unanimously.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisor Barlow stated that the County has passed their 2016 budget with a minimal decrease in the mill rate. He also remarked that he was able to commission one hundred fifty thousand dollars of County funds from the Badger Coulee Line to donate to the Holmen Area Community Center.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Anderson reported that ridership had decreased by 219 (from 1592 to 1373 from September 2014 to September 2015). Anderson remarked on his concerns that the Shared Ride program continues to see

a reduction in use for all municipalities. Trustee Johnston commented that maybe a special committee should be appointed to address these concerns.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Nothing to report.

Law Enforcement Committee

Police Chief McHugh stated that as of February 1, 2016, Officer Erich Zwicker will be promoted to the Lieutenant position. McHugh also commented that the Police Commission is in the process of selecting a list of candidates for a replacement for Zwicker's position.

Public Works Committee

Bill Ebner/Rich Anderson motioned for acceptance of improvements – Cole Addition. The motion carried with Proctor, Ebner, Jorstad, Kulcinski, Johnston and Anderson in favor; Olson abstained.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Steve Johnston motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$520,091.04. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Class “B” Retail Liquor – Wine only license, The WineSitters Brewhouse LLC (previous license holder Amber Todd), new license applicant James D. Hartje, Agent Dayna M. Hartje. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Chuck Olson motioned to approve Operators' Licenses for Kelly M. Grabowenski and Grace Kube – Festival Foods, Melissa M. Oldenburg – Holmen American Legion and Steve A. Hartje – The Winesitters Brewhouse. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Operator's License for Dawn Kulcinski – Smokey's Bar & Grill. The motion carried with Proctor, Olson, Johnston, Ebner, Anderson and Jorstad in favor; Kulcinski abstained.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Resolution #15-2015 for participation in the La Crosse County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Chuck Olson motioned to approve President Proctor's appointment of herself as “Director” representative with the La Crosse County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Kulcinski/Rich Anderson motioned to act on Ordinance #5-2015 –Amending Chapter 5, Section 7 (Village Board meetings) of the Code of the Village of Holmen (tabled 10/8/15). The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Ordinance #5-2015 – Amending Chapter 5, Section 7 (Village Board meetings) of the Code of the Village of Holmen. The motion failed with Anderson, Jorstad and Kulcinski in favor; Olson, Ebner, Proctor and Johnston opposed.

Doug Jorstad/Steve Johnston motioned to approve Ordinance #6-2015 – Creating Chapter 164, Article II, Room Tax Commission, of the Code of the Village of Holmen. The motion carried unanimously. President Proctor announced her choices for Commission members to be approved in December as: Peggy Johnson, James Steinbrink, Steve Johnston and Scott Ryan, with Administrator Heinig as the advisor.

Municipal Court Update

No meeting was held.

Fire Board Report

Trustee Ebner commented that the budget and term of the new Fire Board agreement based on equalized value and an even split on assets was agreeable to both Town Fire Board members. He also mentioned that Chief Schober has been suspended with pay pending further investigation.

Trustee Olson remarked that the approved budget was in aggregate, not yet by line item. He commented that he was pleased with the cooperation of the Fire Board, and feels the Board is focused forward for a positive future and a good outcome for all.

President's Report

Informational items only.

Other Items before the Board

Administrator Heinig expressed his pride in all the hard work everyone did to make the 2016 budget come together; he thanked the Board for their efforts and leadership. He complimented the leadership of the Fire Board in the face of very complex and sensitive issues. Heinig also commented that he is pleased with the direction the Police Commission is going in reorganizing the staff in the Department. He stated that he is very proud to be the Holmen Administrator.

Hornberg reminded the Board that as of December 1st, nomination papers for trustee positions can be circulated; Ebner, Olson and Johnston are up for re-election in the spring of 2016.

Lt. Collins remarked that their Department is fortunate to be in the new police facility; he commented on the ease of holding trainings, meetings, as well as interviewing suspects and victims. He also stated that he looked forward to the Library as a new neighbor.

Trustee Olson stated that he was pleased with the 2016 budget, and that he is excited about the many positive things in the community including mending fences with the Towns.

Trustee Anderson stated that he was pleased with the budget regardless of the Library project.

Trustee Jorstad thanked Proctor, Olson and Ebner for their hard work on the Fire Board agreement, and he is pleased that Holmen took a leadership role. He also commented that he was glad that the Library project passed this evening in the 2016 budget.

Trustee Kulcinski thanked the Fire Board members, as well as the staff for their hard work.

Trustee Johnston thanked the Fire Board members, and commented that he appreciates the Village staff is great. He also remarked that he was very excited to pass the 2016 budget including the Library.

President Proctor thanked the staff and the hours put into the 2016 budget.

Bill Ebner/Steve Johnston motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer