

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
December 13, 2012**

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 13, 2012 at the Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Nancy Proctor, Tony Horvath, Dawn Kulcinski, Ryan Olson, Dan Moser, Neal Forde and Mike Dunham. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Police Chief McHugh, Lt. Collins, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Stan Schwier, Karen Wallace and family, Attorney Alan Peterson and Jean Burgess.

Resolution #26-2012

President Proctor requested moving item 11.1 to the beginning of the agenda. Trustee Dunham read Stan Schwier Retirement Resolution #26-2012. Mike Dunham/Ryan Olson motioned to approve Resolution 26-2012. The motion carried unanimously. Congratulations and a plaque was extended to Stan thanking him for his thirty four years of service to the Village.

Minutes

Neal Forde/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2012 Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

None

Planning Commission

Mike Dunham/Tony Horvath motioned to approve Ordinance #10-2012 Richard Beyer Annexation Petition, Sand Lake Road. Administrator Heinig explained that this ordinance was passed in November but needed a super-majority vote by the Board in order to be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisors were not in attendance to give an update.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Kulcinski reported that ridership had increased by 225 rides (from 1373 to 1598) from October 2011 to October 2012.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Trustee Forde handed out the latest door counts from the Holmen Library and pointed out how close Holmen's count was getting to the City of Onalaska and how much higher the count is than West Salem, both of which have newer, larger facilities. He feels this is a clear indication that a new library facility is needed in the Village.

Neal Forde/Dan Moser motioned to approve purchase of six waste receptacles for Halfway Creek Park Shelters from DALCO in the amount of \$4,176.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Neal Forde/Dan Moser motioned to approve purchase of three picnic tables for Halfway Creek Park Shelter A from Kirby Built in the amount of \$3,025.97. The motion carried unanimously.

Neal Forde/Dan Moser motioned to approve 2013 pool chemical controller replacement from Carrico Aquatic Resources in the amount of \$5,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Neal Forde/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve purchase of 2013 Z-Track Mower from Tractor Center of West Salem in the amount of \$13,650.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Olson complimented the Park & Recreation Committee and staff for the success of the new Halfway Creek Park Shelters; he feels these will be a great asset to the Village.

Law Enforcement Committee

Lt. Collins gave a presentation on a new program he is implementing for the Holmen Police Department. Nixel is a free community alert system that is available to residents and businesses in the area to sign up for text and/or email instant messages regarding anything of interest in the area such as road closings, missing persons or other concerns. Administrator Heinig complimented Lt. Collins on his hard work at implementing this program and also for his success at applying for and receiving many grants for 2012 for the police department.

Public Works Committee

Mike Dunham/Neal Forde motioned to approve contract with Dick Berg for topographical work – Hwy 35 Water Main project for 2013 in the amount of \$3,200.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$703,864.38. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Dan Moser motioned to approve Operator Licenses for; Shawn Moldenhauer – Holmen American Legion, Damian Paulson, Brandon Stratman – Festival Foods, Amy Butterfield, Alexandra Gunderson, Amelia Vruble, Tiffany Richardson, Sierra Kliscz, Sunmee Sandusky and Phillip Dolan – The Pour House. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Dan Moser motioned to approve Resolution #25-2012 – Amending the 2012 Village Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Authorization to ratify a new Fire Protection and Emergency Services Agreement as Members of the Holmen Area Fire Association – Effective January 1, 2013. Trustee Olson felt it was important to show Board support for the new agreement that Town of Holland has also approved at their Town meeting this month. He pointed out that the Village of Holmen initiated discussions to update the current funding formula to address concerns from the Town of Onalaska; he feels we showed leadership in creating a new funding formula that he feels is very fair. He pointed out that with approval of the new agreement the Village costs will increase not only for 2013 but for all years going forward. In spite of that he feels this is a good decision for the future to continue to work together and provide more efficient fire safety services. Trustee Horvath felt that approving this agreement was not necessary since the Town of Onalaska had denied it at their Town meeting this month. Trustee Dunham expressed his disappointment in creating a new agreement; he feels strongly that the Town of Onalaska is not taking into consideration all of the other services that the Village of Holmen provides for the towns at the Villages cost such as the library, the aquatic center and the police liaison officer for the school district. Attorney Peterson was consulted as to the procedure of approving the motion in spite of the nay vote at the Town of Onalaska meeting; he felt that regardless of the Town of Onalaska's denial, approving the motion would promote solidarity with the Town of Holland. The motion carried with Kulcinski, Forde, Proctor, Olson and Moser in favor, Dunham opposed and Horvath abstaining.

Municipal Court Update

Next meeting will be held in 2013.

Fire Board Report

Information was discussed with agreement motion.

Other Items before the Board

Tony Horvath/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to reconsider Ordinance 9-2012 – An Ordinance Amending Sections 195-42A(3)(c) and 195-42 A(5)(a) of Article XII (Reducing Minimum Sign Display Time from 3 Seconds to 2 Seconds) . Trustee Horvath reiterated his position that the State approved threshold of 2 seconds is more appropriate than the previously approved Village Ordinance which had a threshold of 3 seconds. Trustee Forde inquired as to if there was a financial gain to business by using the reduced amount. Both he and Trustee Olson suggested if the business community was concerned with the ordinance as originally passed they would have heard from some of them, and at this time there has been no opposition. The motion passed with Kulcinski, Dunham, Moser and Horvath in favor, Proctor, Olson and Forde against.

Public Works Director Olson announced there will be a retirement reception held at the Village Hall on December 28th at 3:00 to honor Stan Schwier; he invited the board members to attend.

Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg reminded board members with expiring terms that paperwork is available to finalize or succeed their terms.

Board members expressed their appreciation of Stan Schwier for 34 years of services and holiday wishes were exchanged.

Closed Session

None.

Mike Dunham/Ryan Olson motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer