

Meeting Minutes
Village of Holmen Finance and Personnel Committee
August 13, 2020

The meeting of the Holmen Finance and Personnel Committee was held Thursday, August 13, 2020, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Committee Chairman Doug Jorstad called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present at the meeting: Committee members Doug Jorstad, Rich Anderson and Micah Wyss. Also in attendance were President Barlow, Administrator Heinig and Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg.

Approval of Minutes Micah Wyss/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment None.

Clerk/Treasurer Report Hornberg remarked that annual reviews were recently held and went well. She stated that budget preparations will begin in the next few weeks, and the anticipated July shared revenues, computer aid and video service aid payments have been received. Hornberg reported that the recent Partisan Primary Election had 1741 voters; 1104 of those absentee and 637 of those in person. The election went very well and staff is beginning preparations for a very busy November General Election.

Review Claims and Financial Statements The Committee reviewed all claims for payment.

Consideration of Licenses Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to recommend approval of Operator's License for Addison R. Durtschi – The Grind Coffeehouse. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report Heinig updated the Committee on several development projects that are coming into their final stages. He remarked on a particular developer that has been difficult to work with and mentioned that this person has been sharing negative and false information with other developers and potentially destroying relationships. Heinig clarified some misinterpretations that had occurred at the most recent Planning Commission meeting and will lead to further detailed discussion at Thursday evening's Board meeting. A rezone that was presented by Traditional Trades failed a motion to approve, yet was not formally denied at Committee. The project had no legal reasoning to be rejected and is comprehensive plan compliant. Concerns brought forward from a mix of Town of Onalaska and Village of Holmen residents had no validity in relation to the actual development. In addition to misconceptions about what was being built on this parcel, there were complaints of storm water drainage issues which had nothing to do with the proposed site for rezoning. Heinig updated the Committee on infrastructure expenditures that will be proposed in the 2021 budget discussions; these asset additions will result in numerous development investments in the near future. Heinig answered questions on stop sign locations in areas once the new Hale Drive bridge has been completed. Trustee Wyss mentioned he has worked with Engineer Dahl regarding the stop light timing and he mentioned that Dahl knows exactly how to control the lights to optimize the flow of traffic and will adjust once the bridge is in service.

Other Trustees Anderson and Wyss complimented the Clerk/Treasurer's department for a very safe and successful August election.

Adjourn Micah Wyss/Rich Anderson motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Minutes by Angela Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer