

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
January 10, 2013**

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2013, 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, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Attorney Alan Peterson, Martha McCabe, Carolyn Lawrence, Sheryl Jacobson, Courtney Spoke, Susan Cieslicki, Ward Keil, Julie Moseng, Randall Moseng, Robert Jecklin and Jean Burgess.

Public Hearing

At 7:01 p.m. Ryan Olson/Tony Horvath motioned to open the public hearing on the Revision of Article V, Cross Connection Control and Article VI, Private Well Abandonment of Chapter 187 of the Code of the Village of Holmen. The motion carried unanimously. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the revision. At 7:02 p.m. Ryan Olson/Tony Horvath motioned to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:02 p.m. Ryan Olson/Tony Horvath motioned to open the public hearing on the Revision to the Vision Triangle provisions of Section 195-8 F (4) of the Village of Holmen Zoning Code. The motion carried unanimously. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the revision. At 7:03 p.m. Ryan Olson/Tony Horvath motioned to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Cheryl Jacobson, Randy Moseng and Robert Jecklin spoke in favor of reinstating fluoridation and Carolyn Lawrence spoke against reinstating fluoridation in the Village water system.

Minutes

Neal Forde/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2012, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Next meeting will be held January 29, 2013.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisors were not in attendance to give an update.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Kulcinski reported that ridership had decreased by 15 rides (from 1630 to 1615) from November 2011 to November 2012. Trustee Forde inquired on the possibility of grant funding for the Shared Ride program, and commented that the Village Board should support the application of funding when possible. Trustee Kulcinski did assure the Board that a motion had been approved at the January Mass Transit meeting to apply for grants but it was unlikely a great amount of funding if any would be available.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Trustee Forde remarked on Boy Scout Troup 91's adoption of the newest addition of the bike trail.

Law Enforcement Committee

Informational items only.

Public Works Committee

Mike Dunham/Ryan Olson motioned to reinstate the fluoridation process, adopting the parameters established by the Department of Health Services, in their correspondence dated January 2, 2013, recommending public water systems:

- 1) Have an average monthly fluoride concentration of at least 0.70 milligrams per liter (mg/L),
- 2) Have 75% of daily samples within the recommended control range of 0.60 mg/L to 0.80 mg/L,
- 3) Submit monthly split samples to the state lab for testing that correlate with a split tolerance of +/- 0.20 mg/L, and
- 4) Continue fluoridation of the PWS unless the system has natural fluoride levels of 0.60 mg/L or above.

Furthermore,

When the fluoridation process is re-started, the initial titration rate for the Village of Holmen public water system shall be established on a calculated level that will be at the lower end of the recommended range (0.60 mg/L). The titration rate will be adjusted periodically, based on daily testing, to reach a target concentration of 0.70 mg/L. If at any time the testing indicates a concentration in the system that exceeds 0.75 mg/L, the titration level will be reduced and once again adjusted to reach the target concentration of 0.70 mg/L.

Furthermore,

The implementation date shall be established as April 1, 2013 to provide all concerned parties sufficient time to make any adjustments to their current practices.

Additionally,

The first six months after beginning the fluoridation process, the Village will publish on its website under the Public Works section the test results for that month.

Trustee Olson commented that we have the recommendations from the State and we have full time staff to adequately test the supply and meet with regulations.

Trustee Horvath stated that he will vote against the motion; he feels there are several studies to support his concerns. He read the following document:



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Although fluoridation of drinking water for the purpose of caries prevention is widely practiced in the United States and a few other countries, and is strongly encouraged by some governments and public health agencies, several important concerns have not been adequately addressed:

(1) Available data do not support a role of community water fluoridation in improving dental health.

Studies showing benefits of fluoridation are generally of poor design, in particular being neither random nor blind, and often with inadequate controls. The apparent benefits are modest, and alternative explanations such as a fluoride-induced delay in eruption of the permanent teeth or effects of socioeconomic differences (especially in diet and nutrition) have not been explored. The general decline in caries rates in all developed countries (independent of fluoride exposure) has not been accounted for. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that fluoride's predominant effect on teeth is topical, not from ingestion. The single U.S. study that has examined caries experience in relation to individual fluoride intakes has found no association between fluoride intake and caries experience. The most recent (1986-1987) national data set in the U.S. shows no significant difference in caries rates with different water fluoride levels.

(2) A variety of adverse health effects are associated with fluoride exposures.

Known adverse health effects from fluoride exposure include dental fluorosis (ranging from mild spotting of the teeth to severe pitting and staining), skeletal fluorosis (bone and joint pain), and increased brittleness of the bones and consequent risk of bone fracture. Additional adverse effects of fluoride exposure include carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, reduced thyroid function, other endocrine effects, neurotoxicity, hypersensitivity, and increased levels of lead in children's blood. Dental fluorosis itself has been associated with increased risks of thyroid disease, lowered IQ, and bone fracture. "Safe" levels of fluoride exposure with respect to these adverse effects are well below the levels experienced with fluoridated water, especially for formula-fed infants and small children, people with high water consumption, and people with kidney disease.

(3) By fluoridation of drinking water, governments and water suppliers are indiscriminately administering a drug to the population, without individual evaluation of need, appropriate dose, efficacy, or side effects.

Fluoride in tablet or lozenge form requires a prescription from a physician or dentist. Fluoride in toothpaste is considered a non-prescription drug. However, many people consume more fluoride from drinking water than from non-prescription or prescription sources.

I have discussed these concerns in more detail elsewhere, with references. Governments and health agencies that are serious about protecting the health of their populations should call for an immediate end to community water fluoridation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen M. Thiessen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen M. Thiessen, Ph.D.
December 28, 2012

Trustee Kulcinski shared her experiences and concerns with fluoridation.

Trustee Moser remarked that he felt fluoridation should be an issue that is decided on a personal level and not be in the community water system.

Trustee Olson responded that the community water issue had already been decided by the voters who had a chance to educate themselves on the issue prior to voting on the referendum; he was disappointed that the 2011 motion was for blocking the fluoride rather than determining safety levels.

Trustee Dunham agreed that the question was not whether to fluoridate; that question had already been answered by the voters. He agreed that the reason for the suspension in 2011 was to allow the State time to determine the appropriate titration levels.

Trustee Horvath stated that he believed that the fluoride referendum was not binding therefore he felt there would be no legality issue with choosing to continue to suspend fluoridation.

Attorney Peterson stated that with direct legislation, voters in the minority could have recourse which would be more appropriate for this issue.

The motion carried with Dunham, Forde, Proctor and Olson in favor; Kulcinski, Horvath and Moser opposed.

Mike Dunham/Dan Moser motioned to approve the Revision of Article V, Cross Connection Control and Article VI, Private Well Abandonment of Chapter 187 of the Code of the Village of Holmen. The motion carried unanimously.

Mike Dunham/Neal Forde motioned to approve the Revision to the Vision Triangle provisions of Section 195-8 F (4) of the Village of Holmen Zoning Code. Trustee Dunham inquired as to this revision being retroactive or if residents with concerns would be grandfathered. Administrator Heinig confirmed the vision triangle provisions would be enforced retroactively. Trustee Olson agreed that it makes sense to correct all vision impairing safety issues. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Olson remarked on the recent MSA presentation of future options for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. All options for expansion or regionalization will be a significant investment for the future, and that sewer rates will need to be adjusted to reflect necessary investments in the infrastructure.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$5,093,370.21. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to approve Operator Licenses for Aleesha M. Wahl and Cohan R. Nelson – Festival Foods. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to extend current banking services with First National Bank through March 1, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to discontinue use of board room computers no later than the next election cycle in May 2013 and also to dispose of or sell existing computers with no intention of replacement. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to approve Resolution #1-2013 – Extending the Maturity Date on the \$2,500,000 Note. Trustee Dunham inquired as to concerns with waiting to bond; additional bonding costs may not be a savings if the interest rates increase. Trustee Olson responded that the Finance Committee plans to complete a bond issue within 2013; the question of additional funds, if any, for facility needs is yet to be answered. The motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Court Update

No meeting was held.

Fire Board Report

Trustee Olson updated the Board on the recent Fire Board meeting and the issues with the funding formulas that are still being discussed; he felt the conversation was positive and that we are moving forward towards an agreement. He has offered to meet with the Town of Onalaska to work towards resolving remaining issues with the funding formula.

Other Items before the Board

Park & Recreation Director Brogan updated the Board on the status of the near completed Halfway Creek Shelters - West and East.

Trustee Dunham inquired as to the establishment of a fence permitting process and requested Administrator Heinig to address a potential process in future Planning Commission meetings.

Trustee Dunham also mentioned proceeding with capital facility conversations. Administrator Heinig stated that he was in the process of receiving a quote from MSA on facilitating meetings with the Board and the public to provide options, reach a consensus and move forward based on those decisions.

Trustee Forde wished everyone Happy New Year and stated “Go Pack”.

Trustee Moser asked Public Works to review Briggs and McHugh intersection to address residents’ concerns with conditions of the road.

Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg stated the following candidates will be on the Spring Election ballot: Nancy Proctor running unopposed for Village President, and incumbent Dawn Kulcinski, Rich Anderson, William Ebner and Doug Jorstad running for three available trustee positions.

Administrator Heinig asked that the Board members be prepared to pose for pictures for the Village website at the March Board meeting.

President Proctor commented on her recent shelter rental, and what an asset it is to the Village.

Ryan Olson/Mike Dunham motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer