President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 8, 2018, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Doug Jorstad, Bill Ebner, Dawn Kulcinski, Rich Anderson and Steve Johnston. Chuck Olson was excused. Also present were Rodney Stanek, Brandon Cain, Ken Gilliam, Paul Menches, Alexis Brott, Amy Twitchell, Dean McHugh, Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Public Works Director Olson, Police Chief Collins, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Attorney Brian Weber, Patrick Barlow and Pat McKnight.

**Public Comment**
Patrick Barlow spoke in support of the proposed fire department service contract(s) with the City of La Crosse that is on the agenda this evening; he urged the Board to approve this item.

**Minutes**
Steve Johnston/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission**
Bill Ebner/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Developer’s Agreement for McGilvray Park Subdivision, Village of Holmen. The motion carried unanimously.

**Park, Recreation and Library Committee**
Bill Ebner/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the 2018 facilities fertilization and weed control contract with Turf Maintenance in the amount of $29,333.85. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Ebner/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the quote for replacement of VGBA pool drain gates at the Holmen Aquatic Center with Fischer Brothers in the amount of $4,974.00. The motion carried unanimously.

**Law Enforcement Committee**
Steve Johnston/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve inflatable rentals from Kid Again for National Night Out in the amount of $3,700.00. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works Committee**
Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to accept a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) and Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) along STH 35 between CTH XX and the USH 53 on/off ramps. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve plans for McGilvray Park as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Change Order 17041-17 with Chippewa Concrete Services for Hale Dr./S. Main Street gate valve repairs in the amount of $12,497.50, as well as Change Order 17041-18 with Chippewa Concrete Services for water main modifications in the amount of $8,795.12. The motion carried unanimously.

**Finance and Personnel Committee**
Doug Jorstad/Steve Johnston motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of $2,977,054.30. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the 2018 Village of Holmen Compensation & Classification Structure as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Shared Ride Committee**
Trustee Kulcinski reported that ridership increased by 262 (from 1020 to 1282 from January 2017 to January 2018).

**Municipal Court Update**
No meeting was held.

**Fire Board Report**
Chief Menches asked for the Village Board’s support for a fire department service contract(s) with the City of La Crosse. He remarked that this would allow for great advantages in his department such as having professional help for fleet maintenance in a short amount of time at a fair cost. Trustee Jorstad stated that while he feels apprehensive on partnering with the City of La Crosse, he feels that this handshake agreement is a step towards a good partnership; he commented that this agreement should reduce downtime for repairs as well as reduce costs. Trustee Johnston stated that although he has great respect for Chief Gilliam, he feels hesitation to work with La Crosse. He agrees with portions of the agreement, such as the Apparatus and Equipment Maintenance and Respiratory Protection Plan. However, Johnston does not wish to support the remaining portions of the contract and cautions again an agreement which would tie the Holmen Area Fire Department to the City of La Crosse. Chief Gilliam stated that this agreement was not binding and was only meant to encourage good neighbor cooperation between jurisdictions; he felt this was a good place to begin mending fences.

Bill Ebner/Rich Anderson motioned to give a favorable recommendation to the fire department service contract(s) with the City of La Crosse. The motion passes with Ebner, Anderson, Proctor, Jorstad and Kulcinski in favor. Johnston opposed.

**County Supervisor’s Report**
County Supervisor Barlow mentioned that the County will be reviewing a proposed chicken ordinance but indicated that local municipality ordinances and subdivision covenants would still take precedence regardless of a County ordinance. He also remarked that the County landfill is going through a restructuring that should encourage cross training, as well as the using landfill staff more efficiently.

**President’s Report**
Informational items only.

**Other Items before the Board**
Rich Anderson complimented the Park & Recreation Department on their Spring/Summer 2018 guide.

Trustee Johnston agreed and stated that the Recreation Department does a great job of covering twelve months of activities for all ages.
Closed Session
At 7:50 pm, Doug Jorstad/Steve Johnston motioned to convene into closed session; after a brief break closed session convened at 7:56 pm.

Authority: §19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating 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: Agreement with La Crosse County

And

Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.  

Purpose: Update of Vacant Positions

The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:25 pm, Bill Ebner/Doug Jorstad motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Ebner/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer