

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

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 12, 2015, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Bill Ebner, Doug Jorstad, Steve Johnston, Rich Anderson, Dawn Kulcinski and Chuck Olson. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Police Chief McHugh, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Attorney Brian Weber, County Supervisor Patrick Barlow, Bob Stupi, Jeremy Cook, Laurie Kessler, Len Beranek, Beth Balder-Schroeder, Mary Lynn Wershofen and Pat McKnight.

Public Hearing

At 7:01 pm, Rich Anderson/Bill Ebner motioned to open the public hearing on rezoning petition and conditional use permit from the Town of Holland for the intended development and operation of a community center off McHugh Road. The motion carried unanimously. Bob Stupi, Len Beranek, Beth Balder-Schroeder and Patrick Barlow asked for the Village Board's support in the rezone request. All felt this was an important project that would meet the needs for the community and expressed that they felt the location was ideal. Patrick Barlow also commented on the need for pedestrian accommodations for the project. At 7:05 pm, Chuck Olson/Bill Ebner motioned to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Patrick Barlow inquired as to the reason for the recent pumping of water from the well house into Whispering Pines Park.

Minutes

Steve Johnston/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Chuck Olson/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the rezoning petition and conditional use permit from the Town of Holland for the intended development and operation of a community center off McHugh Road. Trustee Johnston inquired as to the plan for the rec center, what the use would be and how it would be funded. Bob Stupi responded that the potential donors were not willing to release any information until the rezoning had been approved. Trustee Johnston asked to review the tax allocation percentages from 2014 taxes pointing out that the school district was already receiving over half of all taxes collected. Johnston stated that he intends to vote against this motion and encouraged the Board to consider future financial commitments before approving the rezoning. Trustee Olson commented that this motion was for a rezone request only and he called to question. The motion passed with Olson, Anderson, Ebner, Proctor, Jorstad, Kulcinski in favor; Johnston opposed.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisor Barlow reported that the County has some concerns with the proposed State budget, long-term care issues as well as opposition proposals for County-wide assessments.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Anderson reported that ridership had decreased by 121 (from 1599 to 1478 from January 2014 to January 2015).

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Deer Wood Park tournament reservation by Petticoat Junction on May 22-24, 2015. Trustee Kulcinski commented that the organization's request for musical entertainment during the weekend was denied at Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Olson/Steve Johnston motioned to approve the quote for fertilization and weed control for Village of Holmen properties from Turf Maintenance in the amount of \$26,746.52. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the quote for emerald ash borer treatments for specific trees on Village of Holmen properties from Turf Maintenance in the amount of \$3,179.00 to be paid from Imprellis reserved funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Law Enforcement Committee

Informational items only.

Public Works Committee

Rich Anderson/Bill Ebner motioned to approve sewer televising contract with Flow Rite in the amount of \$3,750.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve cross connection inspection contract with Hydro Corp in the amount of \$41,650.00. Director Olson commented that the 2015 contract would include many of the 2014 unfinished inspections. Trustee Johnston inquired as to the reason of the unfinished contracts. Director Olson commented that there were some issues dissolving a partnership that resulted with an incomplete contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Olson encouraged future conversation regarding a safe traffic control method during peak traffic hours on Mc Hugh Road. He suggested collaboration with the Town of Holland, County of La Crosse and Village of Holmen. Trustees Johnston, Kulcinski and Anderson spoke in agreement with Olson.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Chuck Olson motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$2,861,814.33. The motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Olson/Steve Johnston motioned to approve agreement with MSA Professional Service, Inc. for preliminary design of Holmen Public Library and Community Center. Trustee Jorstad commented that this motion was tabled at the Finance & Personnel Committee in hopes of having further facility discussions with the entire board. Administrator Heinig commented that this was a budgeted item and was for the design phase only; he stated that a supermajority vote would be needed in order to approve the motion without the Committee's recommendation. The motion passed with Olson, Anderson, Ebner, Proctor, Jorstad and Johnston in favor; Kulcinski opposed.

Doug Jorstad/Bill Ebner motioned for approval of Change of Organization and Agent for Class B Combination License, Non-Intoxicating Beverage License and Video/Amusement Coin Operated Machine Licenses; from The Empty Glass LLC, Agent Scott R. Burnstad to The Pour House Pub, LLC, Agent Melanie R. Wentz, located at 3210 State Road 35, Onalaska. Trustee Jorstad commented that Melanie had attended the Finance & Personnel meeting to address her application. The motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Court Update

Informational items only.

Fire Board Report

Informational items only.

President's Report

President Proctor reviewed her schedule of meetings and events for the month of February.

Other Items before the Board

President Proctor commented that the Village had recently received a grant of \$620.61 from the Holmen Area Foundation for assistance with bike trail maintenance; she stated that she sent a thank you on behalf of the Village Board.

Proctor also commented on results from a recent survey, by Nerd Wallet, which stated that Holmen was ranked #2 in best places in Wisconsin to raise a family. This survey stated that Holmen was user and family friendly, had good programming, schools, parks and affordable housing; it also stated Holmen had the 2nd largest population gain from 1999 to 2013. The City of Onalaska followed in 9th place.

Trustee Jorstad commented that he was looking forward to the debt planning meeting that would be held on March 30th. Jorstad also commended the Public Works department on their service to the streets this past winter.

Trustee Johnston inquired about the cost of the optional additional garbage cart to be offered by Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling. He also encouraged community members to attend meetings and offer input on options for the Library design approved tonight.

Director Olson responded to Patrick Barlow's inquiry of water pumping into Whispering Pines Park; he stated this was to clean the well screen and that all discharge was organic, natural materials.

Director Olson also commented on some new safety items being implemented to assist with school traffic at McHugh Road including installing flashing signage as well as utilizing the Police Department's speed trailers to help with awareness. Administrator Heinig stated that the Village was willing to review stoplight installation, but there needed to be support from the Town of Holland where the intersection is located, as well as La Crosse County since that is where the street is located. Trustee Olson stated this issue should not be the school districts to remedy; he feels the three municipalities should step up and split the cost for the installation of a traffic light.

Trustee Jorstad commented on a recent inquiry on installation of a Village dog park; he stated that issues of location, maintenance and liability would all need to be addressed. Administrator Heinig suggested that a dedication of land, with approving residents surrounding the land, might allow further discussions on that subject.

Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg reminded the Board of the Spring Election to be held on April 7, 2015; she wished the trustees good luck.

Administrator Heinig reminded the Board of the March 30th debt planning special meeting to be held at 6:00 pm as well as an April 21st special reorganization meeting, time to be announced.

Doug Jorstad/Bill Ebner motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer