

**Village of Holmen
Special Board Meeting
Holmen Village Hall – Board Room
Monday, March 30, 2015
6:00 pm**

President Proctor called the Special Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm on March 30, 2015, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Bill Ebner, Steve Johnston, Doug Jorstad and Chuck Olson. Rich Anderson was excused and Dawn Kulcinski was absent. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Christine McArdle-Rojo and Sean Lentz.

President Proctor turned the meeting over to Ehlers Consultant Sean Lentz for the debt planning presentation.

Lentz reviewed the existing financial situation for the Village as well as future debt projections, and answered questions from the Board. He indicated projections of change in the Village mill rate based on capital facility borrowing options. He also pointed out the pros and cons of phasing in borrowings versus borrowing for all capital facility needs at one time.

Administrator Heinig turned the meeting over to the Board members for discussion.

Trustee Olson remarked that the Village has an excellent staff that provides good information. He stated that the many projects listed for capital outlay do not scare him; he commented that the timing on some projects may need modification but overall he felt this was a good solid plan that will result in good decision making. Olson stated that he has confidence in the future, and he feels strongly that now is the time to set the future of Holmen. He noted that he is a strong supporter of the library and believes that is the type of facility that people look for in a good community. Olson mentioned that he believes that the TIF #3 funded bridge project should hopefully be able to move up in the schedule as we get further into the project. He also remarked that he would like to be sure the Village Hall new versus remodeled building will be researched before making those decisions in the future.

Trustee Ebner commented that he also feels that the timeline of some projects may need to be modified, but those such as the sewer and Holmen Drive projects as listed are fairly accurate with their time frames. He feels the beautification project on Holmen Drive can be reviewed once the revenue stream is strong in TIF #3. Ebner questioned in regards to the Village Hall and Public Works Shop if this was the time to build new and sell old.

Trustee Jorstad stated that he feels equipment purchases are very important, and inquired on the possibility for money from other sources for the library project.

Trustee Johnston inquired as to if this presentation was based on the assumption that the existing boundaries for the Village would stay the same. He also commented that he feels that a bridge is a very important project to manage traffic issues in Holmen.

President Proctor remarked that she believes there are several people anxious to work on fundraising for a library project; they are just waiting on a plan and a budget. She also commented that based on the needs and facility study, she feels the Village is on the right path for the future.

Administrator Heinig commented that he feels a library facility that we can be proud of is something our community is looking for.

Library Director Christine McArdle-Rojo agreed with President Proctor that there is quite a bit of interest from people willing to participate in library fundraising; she feels once a plan is ready and a targeted amount to raise is determined, we will see a great response from both businesses and residents in the community.

Administrator Heinig stated that the next step in this process would be to put together something more concrete for 2016 consideration as part of the 2016 budget.

Trustee Olson encouraged the Board members to attend an upcoming Economic Forum presented by the President for the League of Municipalities and sponsored by LADCO.

Chuck Olson/Steve Johnston motioned to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Carried unanimously.

Angela A. Hornberg
Village Clerk/Treasurer