

**Village of Holmen  
Board Proceedings  
September 11, 2014**

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 11, 2014, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Bill Ebner, Doug Jorstad, Steve Johnston, Rich Anderson, Chuck Olson and Dawn Kulcinski. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Police Chief McHugh, Public Works Director Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Sean Lentz, Patrick Barlow, Attorney Brian Weber and Pat McKnight.

**Public Comment**

Patrick Barlow spoke as a resident to express his concern regarding the impasses with the Fire Board contract, urging the Village to keep the lines of communication open with the Towns. He worries that the Fire Board disagreements could also poison boundary agreements. He made the comment that the future of the communities is based on the ability to collaborate.

**Minutes**

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2014, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission**

Sean Lentz presented the project plan for the creation of Tax Incremental District #3. Administrator Heinig explained that La Crosse County felt as if they had not received enough information or communication to make a decision at this time, therefore Administrator Heinig explained, he had agreed to postpone the Board's decision on the project plan in order to meet with County staff next week. Dawn Kulcinski/Chuck Olson motioned to table Resolution #11-2014 – Resolution Approving the Project Plan and Establishing the Boundaries for the Creation of Tax Incremental District No. 3. Trustee Johnston commented that he was disappointed at the failure of the La Crosse County representative to open their mail or contact the Village about the concerns; he feels that the County is wasting the Village Board's time over a very well thought out plan. Trustee Olson also commented that he was disappointed in La Crosse County leadership's failure to open their TIF meeting notice as well as to call for a special, inappropriate meeting, to which the Village learned about only through another source. Olson feels this project plan addresses many transportation issues that would benefit the County; he is very dissatisfied with what happened today and is upset that the Village Board needs to table approval. Administrator Heinig explained that the inappropriate meeting that Olson referred to was a Joint Review Board that was called by the County Administrator today specifically excluding the Village of Holmen representatives. Heinig stated this was an unpublished and unposted meeting and due to this, WTC choose not to attend. Heinig mentioned that the Village has always been a good partner to the County: sweeping their highway, mowing their ditches, modifying ordinances at their request and most recently agreeing to extend a tower at the fire station, against our zoning, in order to save the County \$250,000. Heinig stated that the County has every right to make their own decision whether or not to participate and to choose if they agree with their resources being used on the project. Regardless, Heinig suggested that after having a chance to sit down with the County Administrator that hopefully we could move forward to meet with the rest of the Joint Review Board to move forward with the vote on the project. The motion carried unanimously.

**County Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Barlow updated the Board on the status of the Lakeview Health Center project, the County road swap with the State of Wisconsin and the County budget which will be considered in November.

Barlow stated that he would share the Village Board's concerns with Administrator O'Malley and County Board Chair Johnson, and encouraged the members to do the same.

#### **Shared Ride Committee**

Trustee Anderson reported that ridership had decreased by 267 (from 1716 to 1449 from July 2013 to July 2014). Anderson stated that some of the reduction in numbers could be caused by the clinics no longer providing shared ride vouchers to customers.

#### **Park, Recreation and Library Committee**

Chuck Olson/Rich Anderson motioned to approve proposal for irrigation system for the new police station from Winona Nursery in the amount of \$27,974.35. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Law Enforcement Committee**

All items were informational only.

#### **Public Works Committee**

Rich Anderson/Bill Ebner motioned to approve South Star Road street reconstruction contract award to Fowler & Hammer in the amount of \$70,128.00. Trustee Anderson commented that a LRIP grant would be received in the amount of \$27,974.35 to offset the cost on this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve repairs to the WWTP blower from Advanced Electric Equipment Services in the amount of \$3,202.00. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Finance and Personnel Committee**

Steve Johnston/Rich Anderson motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$1,065,664.65. The motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Operator License for Jaylene D. Abeyta – Festival Foods. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Municipal Court Update**

Administrator Heinig stated Municipal Court met last month to discuss the 2015 budget which includes modest increases for salary and fringes, the rest remains the same; the budget will be forwarded to the City council for consideration.

#### **Fire Board Report**

President Proctor updated the Board on the recent Fire Board meeting regarding potential volunteer payout changes and potential future fire board agreement discussions.

#### **Other Items before the Board**

Police Chief McHugh mentioned the Department has recently received a donation from the Holmen American Legion in order to purchase shields for the staff.

Public Works Director Olson stated that the demolition projects were proceeding well and would continue with the Viking Tool property next week; he also commented that the 2014 street projects were also proceeding as planned.

Steve Johnston complimented Director Olson on the Public Works Department, and the great job they did throughout the summer.

Park & Recreation Director Brogan stated that the Movie under the Stars which was scheduled for September 12, due to weather, would be postponed until September 19.

Trustee Kulcinski commented on this year's Kornfest and stated that she was very proud of the well-run community event. She thanked the police department for their hard work.

Chuck Olson and Rich Anderson extended appreciation to all departments for their hard work.

Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg reminded the Board of the upcoming Special Board meeting on September 29 to discuss the 2015 budget.

Administrator Heinig commented on the pending litigation with the Town of Onalaska and reiterated the Board decision to not negotiate the fire board agreement until that issue had been resolved.

President Proctor complimented the Police Department for Kornfest efforts, and stated this was the first year the Village did not need to use outside police assistance for the event.

#### **Closed Session**

At 8:01 pm, Doug Jorstad/Chuck Olson motioned to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiation 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: Potential Property Acquisition. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Steve Johnston/Doug Jorstad motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer