

**Village of Holmen  
Board Proceedings  
September 12, 2013**

President Proctor called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 12, 2013, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Nancy Proctor, Doug Jorstad, Neal Forde, Dawn Kulcinski, Bill Ebner, Ryan Olson and Rich Anderson. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Police Chief McHugh, Public Works Asst. Director Mezera, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Attorney Al Peterson, Sean Lentz, Rick Durst, Wanda Alexander, Mary Lynn Wershofen, Laurie Kessler and Jean Burgess.

**Public Hearing**

At 7:00 pm Bill Ebner/Ryan Olson motioned to open the public hearing to consider amending Section 14-18 and Section 14-29 of Chapter 14, Animals, of the Code of the Village of Holmen. The motion carried unanimously. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the change. At 7:01 pm Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other – Presentation**

Laurie Kessler and Mary Lynn Worshoffen gave a presentation and answered questions on the collaborative community center project.

**Public Comment**

Rick Durst spoke to the Board regarding his disappointment in a proposed Town rezone north of his property. La Crosse County failed to follow their Ordinance which states *that in addition to the public hearing requirement the County shall notify adjoining property owners in writing of the date and place of a public hearing of any zoning amendment.* He stated that he planned to pursue the issue with the County, and requested that the Village refer the issue to committee also for further discussion.

Wanda Alexander spoke against the recent enforcement of the Village sign ordinance. She feels the Village went overboard pulling signs which she feels are helpful to the community. She expressed the need for the cleanup of the median by Gaarder Rd. and Hwy 35.

**Minutes**

Ryan Olson/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission**

Ryan Olson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Resolution #13-2013, Acceptance of a CSM – Greeno Road Vacated Street Consolidation. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Ordinance #7-2013, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the Village of Holmen, Daniel & Sharon McHugh. The motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Ordinance #8-2013, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the Village of Holmen, James Carlson. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Ordinance #9-2013, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the Village of Holmen, Carol Knudson. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Ordinance #10-2013, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the Village of Holmen, Bruce Pertzsch. The motion carried unanimously.

### **County Supervisor's Report**

County Supervisors were not in attendance to give an update.

### **Shared Ride Committee**

Trustee Anderson reported that ridership had increased by 168 rides (from 1548 to 1716) from July 2012 to July 2013.

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

Neal Forde/Ryan Olson motioned to approve proposal for gas service installation to the Deer Wood concessions building by Xcel Energy at a cost of \$2,135.56. The motion carried unanimously.

Neal Forde/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve quote for installation of a gas furnace for the Deer Wood Park concessions building at a cost of \$5,891.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Ford commented that library counts were consistent with past usage, and that the Aquatic Center had a strong attendance this summer.

### **Law Enforcement Committee**

Rich Anderson/Bill Ebner motioned to approve Ordinance #6-2013, An Ordinance amending Sections 14-18 and 14-29 of the Code of the Village of Holmen. Administrator Heinig stated the change to 14-18 was requested by the Police Department in order to allow them to better address nuisance animals. The change to 14-29 was to allow three dogs for a total of not more than four animals per residence. Trustee Forde stated that he felt that most lot sizes in the Village would not support a third dog; Trustee Olson agreed. The motion carried 5-2 with Kulcinski, Ebner, Anderson, Proctor and Jorstad in favor, Forde and Olson opposed.

### **Public Works Committee**

Neal Forde/Rich Anderson motioned to approve contract for 2013 street project with Mathy Construction in the amount of \$280,957.10. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Finance and Personnel Committee**

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to recommend payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$910,938.11. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Operator License for Taran Nesseth – Smokey's Bar & Grill. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve 2014-2016 Assessor Contract with Associated Appraisal. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve sales order agreement for 2014 purchase of election equipment from ES&S in the amount of \$12,045.79. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Resolution #15-2013, Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$2,765,000 General Obligation Bonds for the Construction of Police Facilities. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Resolution #16-2013, Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$2,355,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Neal Forde motioned to approve Resolution #17-2013, Resolution providing for the sale of not to exceed \$5,120,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve ratification of the 2014-2016 Police Union Contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Resolution #14-2013, A Resolution Adopting an Updated Police School Liaison Position Description. The motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Olson/Rich Anderson motioned to approve contract extension with Hilltopper for refuse and recycling services through 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Municipal Court Update**

2014 Budget discussions were held at the last meeting.

### **Fire Board Report**

None.

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

Director Brogan reminded everyone of this week's movie in the park and Be Fit run.

Trustee Kulcinski commented on the illuminated sign located at Park Lawn Estates and the safety concern with the brightness of the sign in the evening hours.

Trustee Forde commented that both the cleanliness on Hwy 35 and the non-notification of zoning changes were both issues that La Crosse County should address. He commented that the sign ordinance that was commented on this evening has been on the books since 1971 and that sign placement in the Village was becoming a nuisance and even a danger as signs were being posted to traffic signs also. He commented that signs should not be placed in the right of way and that they should be removed as soon as the event is done.

Trustee Jorstad commented that he felt it was important that Board members dress respectfully for Board meetings.

Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg complimented the office staff on the courtesy and respect given to residents upset with sign enforcement issues.

Administrator Heinig read a letter complimenting the Village for Kornfest and the great community spirit they feel in Holmen. He complimented staff for their hard work during the fest and the Board for putting to conclusion tonight many very significant projects.

Attorney Peterson also complimented the Board for their forward thinking.

President Proctor commented that additional cleanup after the Kornfest parade could be a good potential community service project for a group.

### **Closed Session**

None.

Ryan Olson/Doug Jorstad motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer