

**Village of Holmen  
Board Proceedings  
December 12, 2019**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on December 12, 2019, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Doug Jorstad, Rich Anderson, Dawn Kulcinski, Rod Stanek, Micah Wyss and Brandon Cain. Also present were Patrick McHugh, Jim McArthur, Public Works Director Mezera, Administrator Heinig, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Village Engineer Dahl, Police Chief Collins, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg and Attorney Brian Weber.

**Public Comment**

Jim McArthur, 606 Maple Shade Drive, wanted to bring to the Board's attention an endangerment issue with the speed limit on County D. He feels that it is currently posted too high, and still drivers exceed it which makes it quite difficult and dangerous for residents traveling out of the Deerwood subdivision to turn left into the Village. He stated that he was told to contact the County for assistance; they prepared a traffic study on the area and they determined that the Village should have police better enforce the area. McArthur remarked that he knew 24-7 police coverage wasn't possible; the next idea that has been suggested is a reduction study of County D. He asked that the Board look into this to ensure safety in that area.

Patrick McHugh, JMQ Properties LLC, remarked that he has questions regarding cost reimbursements for the lift station and would like to request a review of the contract concerning the Development Agreement for King's Bluff Estates.

**Minutes**

Brandon Cain/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of both the November 14, 2019 Special Board meeting and the November 14, 2019 Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission**

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the Rezoning Petition, McHugh Family Trust Petition for Change of Zoning on approximately 1.08 acres of property immediately North of McHugh Road (parcel 14-1580-1), from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-5 (Multiple-Family Residential). The motion carried unanimously.

**Park, Recreation and Library Committee**

Rod Stanek/Brandon Cain motioned to approve the 2020 water management and chemicals contract for the Holmen Area Aquatic Center with Carrico Aquatics in the amount of \$12,947.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Rod Stanek/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the 2020 fertilization and weed control contract for the Village of Holmen properties from Turf Maintenance in the amount of \$31,120.30. The motion carried unanimously.

**Law Enforcement Committee**

Dawn Kulcinski/Brandon Cain motioned to approve the purchase of nine Dell squad computers for 2020 from MCS Networks in the amount of \$28,800.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Brandon Cain motioned to approve the purchase of 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe squad from Ewald Automotive in the amount of \$37,795.00. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works Committee**

No meeting was held.

### **Finance and Personnel Committee**

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$1,382,137.68. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Operator's Licenses for Alyssa K. Houlihan – The Grind and Abbey R. Schafer – HD Tavern. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Brandon Cain motioned to approve Resolution 10-2019 – A Resolution Amending the 2019 Village Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Kulcinski/Rod Stanek motioned to consider 2020-2021 Election Inspectors without Committee recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Kulcinski/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the 2020-2021 Election Inspectors as presented. The motion carried with Barlow, Anderson, Stanek, Wyss, Cain and Kulcinski in favor; Jorstad abstained.

Doug Jorstad/Brandon Cain motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Holmen and the Boys & Girls Club of Greater La Crosse as presented. Administrator Heinig commented that this agreement offers support in the form of grounds maintenance at no cost to the Boys and Girls Club; as long as it continues to lease space in the multigenerational facility located in the Village of Holmen to the Holmen Area Community Center. He also commented that a clause was added to indemnify and hold harmless the Village from any claims, losses or damages based upon events occurring on the BGC property. Trustee Stanek inquired as to if this in-kind donation was in addition to the \$50,000 annual contribution to the senior facilities in the Center; Heinig affirmed that it was. President Barlow stated that he appreciated staff's time to assist the facility. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Shared Ride Committee**

Trustee Wyss reported that ridership increased by 179 (from 1002 to 1181 from October 2018 to October 2019).

### **Municipal Court Update**

No meeting was held.

### **Fire Board Report**

Trustee Jorstad remarked that the Fire Department is still working out union negotiations; he believes an agreement may be met soon.

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

County Supervisor/President Barlow reported that the County has been working with the Village of Bangor for improvements on County B to improve the downtown corridor utilizing the CDBG grant program. He mentioned the cooperation between the Village of West Salem and the County for the dredging of Lake Neshonoc; dredging will help the West Salem WWTP in the near future and eventually could help the La Crosse WWTP in meeting state requirements for phosphorus levels.

### **President's Report**

President Barlow remarked that he was impressed with the Holmen High School entrepreneur store, and encouraged others to visit.

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

Chief Colins remarked on the recent "Coffee with a Cop" event that was held at The Grind as a fundraiser for the Police Reserves. With a match from O'Brien Security and The Mob Stop, they were able to raise \$1,600 for future reserve expenses.

Director Mezera asked that when receiving calls regarding road conditions, to please encourage residents to slow down and drive with caution during this time of the year.

Director Brogan mentioned that shelter reservations would open on January 2, 2020, and there would most likely be quite a line that morning.

Holiday wishes were exchanged by all.

Administrator Heinig commented that there was a lot of development in 2019 and that 2020 will also have many exciting investments. He thanked the Board and staff for their leadership, support and hard work.

Attorney Weber reiterated that the Holmen High School entrepreneur store supports a great cause as well; in 2019, they have raised over \$7,000 which will be donated to a local family battling cancer.

**Closed Session**

At 7:48 pm, Doug Jorstad/Brandon Cain motioned to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute *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:* Sale of Village Property

*Authority: §19.85(1) (g)* Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

*Purpose:* Holmen Area Fire Association

The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:46 pm, Brandon Cain/Micah Wyss motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Brandon Cain motioned to direct staff to move forward with negotiations for sale of property consistent with discussion in closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no action regarding the Holmen Area Fire Association.

Rod Stanek/Doug Jorstad motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer