

## TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2018

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Mike Hoffman, Jerome Pedretti, Robert Stupi, Kathy Warzynski
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Town Crew John Frauenkron

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michaels called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices and an addendum were properly posted.

### MINUTES

Motion by J Pedretti/Warzynski to approve the September 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS TO PAY

The August Treasurer's report was reviewed. The bills to pay were reviewed. Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to approve the October bills in the amount of \$113,623.67. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Katie Pongratz, W7950 August Avenue, asked for clarification on whether the Town was considering changes to the fire protection services and she did not support leaving the current system. She encouraged the Board to spend additional dollars and was willing to pay more in taxes for the quickest response time possible for fires and EMS.

### COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Patrick Barlow, County Supervisor, reported that the County is in the budget process and he gave a few highlights. He also gave some background on the referendum questions and noted the public is invited to an informational meeting at the Holmen Library on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### CSM: KUNZ

Daniel Kunz, N9412 Taube Road, requested a Certified Survey Map (CSM) to split off a 2.11 acre parcel, including a driveway easement, from a 48.42 acre parcel to allow for a single family home. He explained that because the barn/cabin is considered a dwelling, they need to split off this parcel in order to build their home. Discussion followed concerning the driveway and deed restrictions. Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to approve the Certified Survey Map for Daniel Kunz. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### WILDFLOWER TERRACE PHASE 1

Greg Stellrecht, Beaver Builders, requested a return of the \$32,800 cash bond deposited with the Town for Wildflower Terrace Phase 1. Clerk Pedretti noted the Town engineer's letter of approval and that the Town crew verified the turn-around is workable. Motion by Stupi/Warzynski to grant the request to return the bond money to Greg Stellrecht with the completion of the infrastructure in Phase 1 of Wildflower Terrace. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2018-10: DOT REQUEST**

Clerk Pedretti read the following into the record:

**RESOLUTION #2018-10**

***A Resolution Requesting the Wisconsin Department of Transportation  
Improve the Safety of the Highway 53 Corridor from Old 93 to the Black River***

***WHEREAS***, the Town of Holland has been made aware of a recent crash at the intersection of U.S. Highway 53 and Sylvester Road resulting in two fatalities; and

***WHEREAS***, residents along the section of U.S. Highway 53 north of the current end of the four-lane highway (near the intersection of Old 93) to the Town's northern limit (which meets at the Black River), have requested official action to prevent future crashes and loss of life, alleviate the stress at those intersections and improve the safety of all vehicles entering and exiting the approximately 3.5 mile corridor; and

***WHEREAS***, according to the Wisconsin Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory, "Community Maps - Wisconsin County TSC Crash Mapping", U.S. Highway 53 from Old 93 to the Town's northern limit, there are listed a high level of crashes, including fatalities and suspected serious injuries; and

***WHEREAS***, safety is a primary concern and responsibility of local governments across Wisconsin; and

***WHEREAS***, we recognize that all of the interstate, state, and local road systems play a vital role in the safe travel of Wisconsin residents and must be properly maintained and safely traversable;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Town of Holland Town Board would urge the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to immediately study and to quickly implement safety mechanism along the U.S. Highway 53 corridor from Old 93 to the northern Town limit.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Town of Holland Town Board would ask that prominence be given to completion of the four-lane highway.

Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to approve Resolution 2018-10. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**ELECTION INSPECTOR**

Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to approve the appointment of student election inspector for the 2018-2019 term of Isabell Fasnacht. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Casberg Coulee Road bridge: Clerk Pedretti reviewed the options concerning the status of the Casberg Coulee road bridge. It was the consensus to continue to monitor and try to build a fund for future repair work.

Heram Road: Clerk Pedretti reported that the road should be completed this week. She noted an issue with a concrete driveway that will require additional funds.

Machine rental: John Frauenkron, Town crew, provided two quotes for renting a machine to brush out the tree line of the new park and to maintain several holding ponds. Discussion followed. It was the consensus that due to the rainy fall, the crew will work over the winter to chain saw as much as possible and revisit rental next year if needed.

Truck transmission fluid: Discussion took place concerning timing for changing the transmission fluids on the three plow trucks. It was the consensus that the low mileage does not warrant changing the fluids every year.

Town Policy amendment - work shirts: Members reviewed the draft language for amending the Town Policy as relates to Town issued work shirts. The suggested edits will be added and the item will return to next agenda.

Updates: Frauenkron reviewed a written Town Crew report. He reported Wolfe Road is in need of maintenance. He was directed to get some quotes on the cost of recycled material for shouldering. He also reported on a workshop the crew attended Monday at La Crosse County Highway Department concerning winter road maintenance.

## **PARK COMMITTEE**

Wildflower Park signs: Warzynski explained the quote for installing a two sided sign for Wildflower Terrace park. Discussion followed. Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to approve \$820 toward a new park sign for Wildflower Terrace. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Shelter #2 rain gutters: Warzynski reported that Shelter #2 has a water issue with heavy rains. The Park Committee sought quotes to raise the sidewalk and it was determined rain gutters may be the first priority. Motion by Hoffman/Warzynski to approve going with Marley's Seamless Gutters for \$400 to install new gutters and down spouts on Shelter #2. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Dog park subcommittee: Warzynski gave some background on the request to create an off-leash dog park. Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to form a subcommittee to study the possibility of establishing a dog park with a subcommittee of Michelle Byom, Richard Jakes, Linda Jones, Barbara Larsen and chaired by Katherine Warzynski . **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Recognition of Lloyd Dresen: Michaels read the following into the record: "This certificate is presented to Lloyd Dresen in recognition of his valuable contributions as a member of the Park Committee and his many contributions to the community throughout the years."

Report on 9/19/18 meeting: Warzynski reviewed the minutes from the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. She also reported that the UWL students were on the Wildflower Park site on September 27<sup>th</sup> and they plan to make their first presentation on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **FIRE BOARD**

Preliminary 2019 budget: J Pedretti reported on the Holmen Area Fire Board discussion concerning a 17-24% increase in the 2019 HAFD budget. Assistant Chief/Fire Chief Buck Manley spoke of the need to move the Department forward, listed some areas of concern and suggested the Town look at Act 20 or Act 317 for a special charge option. Discussion followed. Warzynski suggested the 2019 budget increase should be the lowest option of 17%.

Report on 9/18/18 meetings: J Pedretti reported that the new rescue truck and ladder truck have been delivered and referenced the minutes for other items.

## **2018 ROAD WORK LOAN**

Clerk Pedretti explained a worksheet outlining the various options. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to research the loan requirements and to have the budget discussion before taking any action on a loan.

## **ASSESSOR CONTRACT ADD-ON SERVICE**

Board members reviewed a proposal from Associated Appraisal for an "revaluation add-on service". The clerk was asked to contact the assessor for additional information. Item will return to the next agenda.

## **2019 BUDGET**

Preliminary 2019 Budget: Clerk Pedretti highlighted some areas of the budget. Due to the late hour, it was the consensus to schedule a special meeting to discuss the budget in detail. Special meeting set for Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m.

Special charges for Fire Service: Discussion took place on whether the Town can shift the fire service fees as a special charge. Clerk Pedretti was asked to research further. Item will be returned to the next agenda.

2019 Fee schedule: This item will be returned to the next agenda.

2019 Budget Hearing date: The 2019 Budget Hearing was set for Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:45 p.m.

Fall road tour: It was the consensus to hold the road tour in the spring.

2019 Town newsletter: Clerk Pedretti asked for input for the Town newsletter. Suggested topics: public input meetings for the Badger Coulee Line Environmental Impact Fees, introduce new employee and uniforms, plowing (in particular no pushing snow across road), parking in parks and on Town roads, highlight new Wildflower Park and UWL student input. Manley offered to provide an article for the Fire Department.

**REPORT:** Clerk Pedretti provided a written report on the 9/25/18 WTA Fall Workshop.

## **FUTURE AGENDA**

2019 Budget.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion by J Pedretti/Stupi to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn J. Pedretti  
Town Clerk