

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Mike Hoffman, Jerome Pedretti, Robert Stupi, Kathy Warzynski
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to approve the minutes of January 9th. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none given.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Patrick Barlow, County Supervisor, reported the Executive Committee has recommended releasing \$175,000 for a homeless initiative. He reported the State Legislature will not support moving forward with the PRAT in La Crosse.

PUBLIC WORKS

February 4th rain event: Clerk Pedretti provided a written report of the many drainage issues as a result of the 1" rain on top of the snow melt which occurred on February 4th.

- Michaels explained the issue at the corner of Amsterdam Prairie Road and Highway 53 and that the State closed the intersection for several days. Discussion followed and it was the consensus to check with the County about options for future drainage.

- Mark Kloss, W7917 August Avenue, spoke about the concerns with the amount of water in their ditch. He reported he and some neighbors spent 8.5 hours with a 3" trash pump removing 16-17,000 cubic feet of water, which only lowered the ditch by 3". Bill Favre, W7949 August Avenue, spoke with other neighbors and expressed concern that water is coming from all over the neighborhood to their ditches and they are concerned with the spring thaw. Katie Favre, W7949 August Avenue, also expressed concern that the area to the east of Pedretti Street is also draining into their yards. Kari Treadway, W8052 August Avenue, lives at the opposite side of the block and also has water in her ditch but it has dissipated. Discussion followed. Michaels suggested checking with our engineer to look at possible options.

Bittersweet Road drainage: Bart Hottenstein, N6982 Bittersweet Road, reported that he and the neighbors supported pursuing options. Ryan Ziegler, N6970 Bittersweet Road, expressed concern that the flooding is getting worse and worries that it will soon enter his basement. The Board reviewed the options provided by the Town engineer. Fire Chief Manley suggested exploring the option of sizing an underground tank for drainage storage that could be used for fire protection. He noted the catch basin water would be a challenge because the water cannot have grit or sand in order for their pumps to work. It was the consensus to have the engineer run Stormwater calculations and investigate the option of ditching between lots 2 and 3 to drain into the park.

Truck maintenance and replacement cycle: The Board reviewed the truck maintenance history and discussed the policy on the replacement succession. It was the consensus to continue with the 15 year replacement cycle.

Town crew updates: Michaels reported the guys have spent the last three days plowing 12-14 hour shifts. Discussion followed concerning the large snow piles and it was the consensus to push up the snow banks as best possible and wait for nature to take its course.

PARK COMMITTEE

Dog park: Warzynski reported the Dog Park Subcommittee researched the costs, liability and insurance issues, and reviewed the results of a Town survey. She reported the subcommittee voted 3-2 to recommend spending \$20,000 to cover the costs of establishing an off-leash dog park on a two acre parcel on the west side of the Town park. Warzynski reported that due to the survey results, the Park Committee recommended the Town set aside \$10,000 from the Badger Coulee Line (BCL) funds towards a future dog park and that the other half be raised by citizens. Discussion followed. This item will be added to the February 20th public input session on the BCL funds.

Wildflower Park: Warzynski reported that they received four presentations for developing the Wildflower Park from the UW-La Crosse students. The committee suggested pursuing the option of a gazebo, picnic tables, benches and walking trails. She noted that additional funds would be required and it is on the list for the BCL funds.

BCL funds: Warzynski reported the committee has recommended five possibilities for the Badger Coulee Line (BCL) environmental funds. The list will be forwarded.

Swing set for Gaynor Park: Warzynski reported that the swing set in Gaynor park is in need of replacement and that money was budgeted for this item. Clerk Pedretti reported a quote is being sought. Item postponed.

2/5/19 meeting report: Warzynski reported they are researching an irrigation system for the ballfields in partnership with the Holmen Youth Baseball Parents Association and researching options for better drainage in the ballfields.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire protection services: Stupi noted that during the budget discussion the Board suggested discussing options for sustainability before the next budget season. He is open to ideas, such as forming a citizens' committee or renegotiating the contract. J. Pedretti suggested that with the April election, there may be different members open to adhering to the current agreement that should be based on equalized value increases only, rather than the current 15-20% increases that are unsustainable. Stupi suggested the capital budget could also be renegotiated to the equalized value formula rather than the current one-third. It was the consensus to hold this item over until April.

1/15/19 meeting report: J. Pedretti reported that the new ladder truck requires replacing the tires, which should be covered under warranty. Fire Chief Manley explained a candidate night was set for March 19th. J. Pedretti reported the yearly totals for calls were: 685 in the Village of Holmen, 176 in the Town of Holland and 139 in the Town of Onalaska (which represents a portion of their calls since they are also serviced by the Brice Prairie First Responders and the City of Onalaska).

SPS 316 (COMMERCIAL BUILDING ELECTRICAL CODE)

The Board reviewed a letter from building inspector Jim Webb outlining two options for compliance in adhering to recent code changes. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to allow the Town to exercise its own jurisdiction over permits for commercial electrical. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

TOWN HALL UPGRADES

Replace carpet: Clerk Pedretti outlined the options as reported in the quote packet. Discussion followed. Motion by Warzynski/J Pedretti to replace the carpet in the office with carpet and carpet tile in the coat room and entry way not to exceed \$3,870. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Remove restroom exterior doors: Members discussed the quote received to replace the restroom exterior doors with a solid wall. Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to go with J.S. Construction for removing the doors and sealing in the bathroom for a price of \$1,480. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Insurance claim: Clerk Pedretti reviewed the written report. No action needed.

STORMWATER

Clerk Pedretti reviewed meeting notes from the La Crosse County Urban Stormwater Group meeting held on January 17th. She noted that the Stormwater Group is the education component for our DNR Stormwater permit requirements. She also presented an upcoming contract for 2020-2022. No action needed at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS TO PAY

The January Treasurer's report was reviewed. The bills to pay were reviewed. Motion by Warzynski/Stupi to approve the bills for \$208,570.56. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FUTURE AGENDA

Reminder of the February 20th BCL funds public input session and an invite to a DNR ag permitting public input session (Babcock permit renewal) which will take place at the Town hall at 10:00 on March 14th.

ADJOURN

Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk