

## TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

July 11, 2018

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

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### MINUTES

Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to approve the minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS TO PAY

The June Treasurer's report was reviewed. The bills to pay were reviewed. Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to approve the July bills in the amount of \$93,757.06. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Doug Klenke, N6954 Sunrise Lane, asked that the public be allowed to have input concerning how to spend the one-time environmental payment for the newest powerline. Item will be added to next month's agenda.

### COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Patrick Barlow, County Supervisor, reported they have a new Solid Waste Director, Jadd Stillwell, who has been with the department twelve years. The Executive Committee has approved a referendum question on legalizing marijuana and are finalizing possible referendum questions concerning sustainable transportation funding.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Rotterdam Road connection: Stupi explained the timing and reviewed the quote for connecting Rotterdam Road to the new Village subdivision. Discussion followed. Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to approve the quote for Rotterdam Road in the amount of \$20,481.10. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Casberg Coulee Road bridge: Members reviewed the background information and pictures of a bridge that is starting to fail on Casberg Coulee Road. The Clerk was directed to contact engineers for possible solutions. Item will return next month.

Truck repairs and tool boxes: Clerk Pedretti reported that the two used tool boxes were placed on Craig's list but no takers at this point. She was directed to post again later this summer. Town Crew Gary Hofer reported the Sterling radiator was fixed about two weeks ago.

Updates: Hofer reviewed a written Town Crew report and answered questions. The crew was directed to issue warning slips if there were citizens abusing the chipping process and that they could rotate crew members but to limit the pick-up service to a two-man team. New crew member John Frauenkron was introduced and welcomed.

Heram Road: Clerk Pedretti reported that eight Temporary Limited Easement letters went out last month and none have been returned as of today. The engineer anticipates the construction will begin the last week of July.

### **PLAN COMMISSION**

Zoning Appeal: Dustin and Crystal Schmidt, N8459 County Road TT, requested a variance to exceed the number of allowable accessory buildings. Petitioners were not present. Stupi reported the Plan Commission had lengthy discussion about the slope, size of the buildings, whether buildings could be combined or eliminated, lot size and uniqueness of the topography. He reported that the Plan Commission recommended approval with a vote of 5-1. Discussion followed. Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to deny zoning variance 2018-15 (Dustin and Crystal Schmidt). **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 7/5/18 meeting: Stupi reported they started on the short-term housing ordinance but tabled the mining ordinance due to timing. He noted they also received a report on the Safe Routes to School.

### **FIRE BOARD**

Update on fire truck purchase: Clerk Pedretti reported there were some emails with variances to the loan amount but all was eventually settled at the previously approved amount.

Report on 6/20/18 meetings: J Pedretti reported an accountant presented information about financing, if the HAFD had taken a 10 year loan for the fire truck. He noted that they will be selling the old fire truck. He reported that at the next meeting they will be going into closed session to talk about a possible extension of the Chief's contract.

### **RESOLUTION 2018-7: BCPL LOAN**

Vice Chair Stupi presented the following, which was read into the record:

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**RESOLUTION 2018-7: A Resolution**  
**Authorizing an Application to the Board of Commissioners of**  
**Public Lands for a loan of \$286,595.**

By the provisions of Sec. 24.66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all municipalities may borrow money for such purposes in the manner prescribed, and,

By the provisions of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin is authorized to make loans from the State Trust Funds to municipalities for such purposes. (Municipality as defined by Sec. 24.60(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes means a town, village, city, county, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, town sanitary district created under Sec. 60.71 or 60.72, metropolitan sewerage district created under Sec. 200.05 or 200.23, joint sewerage system created under Sec. 281.43(4), school district or technical college district.)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of **Holland**, in the County(ies) of **La Crosse**, Wisconsin, borrow from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin the sum of **Two Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine And 67/100 Dollars (\$286,959.67)** for the purpose of **financing fire truck for Holmen Area Fire Department** and for no other purpose.

The loan is to be payable within **2** years from the 15th day of March preceding the date the loan is made. The loan will be repaid in annual installments with interest at the rate of **4.00** percent per annum from the date of making the loan to the 15th day of March next and thereafter annually as provided by law.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that there shall be raised and there is levied upon all taxable property, within the Town of **Holland**, in the County(ies) of **La Crosse**, Wisconsin, a direct annual tax for the purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as they become due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no money obtained by the Town of **Holland** by such loan from the state be applied or paid out for any purpose except **financing fire truck for Holmen Area Fire Department** without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in case the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin agrees to make the loan, that the chairman and clerk of the Town of **Holland**, in the County(ies) of **La Crosse**, Wisconsin, are authorized and empowered, in the name of the Town to execute and deliver to the Commission, certificates of indebtedness, in such form as required by the Commission, for any sum of money that may be loaned to the Town pursuant to this resolution. The chairman and clerk of the Town will perform all necessary actions to fully carry out the provisions of Chapter 24 Wisconsin Statutes, and these resolutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this preamble and these resolutions and the aye and no vote by which they were adopted, be recorded, and that the clerk of this Town forward this certified record, along with the application for the loan, to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin.

Motion by Warzynski/J Pedretti to approve Resolution 2018-7. **MOTION** carried 3 to 1 (Stupi).

**RESOLUTION 2018-9: JUST FIX IT**

Clerk Pedretti read the following resolution into the record:

**RESOLUTION 2018-9**  
**A Resolution on Long-Term, Sustainable “Just Fix It”**  
***Solutions for Transportation***

*WHEREAS, local government in Wisconsin is responsible for about 90% of the road miles in the state; and,*

*WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s diverse economy is dependent upon county and town roads, as well as city and village streets and transit systems across the state; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Town of Holland and other local governments across Wisconsin have been highlighting our unmet transportation needs in many different avenues including events such as the historic Turnout for Transportation event in September of 2016 where local governments in every region of this state held simultaneous meetings*

*calling on the state legislature to prioritize transportation and pass a sustainable funding package; and,*

***WHEREAS**, while the increase in transportation funding for locals in the last budget was certainly appreciated, many still aren't back to 2011 levels when you adjust for inflation; and,*

***WHEREAS**, local governments continue to struggle to meet even the most basic maintenance needs for our transportation system; and,*

***WHEREAS**, states surrounding Wisconsin and across the country have stepped up with sustainable funding plans for their state and local roads; and,*

***WHEREAS**, Wisconsin will be at a competitive disadvantage if it does not implement a revenue and spending plan that addresses both our Interstates that were built in the 1950's and 60's and our local and state roads; and,*

***WHEREAS**, levy limits do not allow local government to make up for the deterioration of state funding; and,*

***WHEREAS**, local governments would not be forced to turn to local wheel taxes or increased borrowing or exceeding their levy limits if the state would finally pass a sustainable funding plan for transportation; and,*

***WHEREAS**, the Town of Holland recognizes that our state highway and interstate system is the backbone of our surface transportation system and plays a vital role in the economy of Wisconsin, and that both local and state roads need to be properly maintained in order for our economy to grow; and,*

***WHEREAS**, from a competitive standpoint, Wisconsin motorists pay significantly less than any of our neighbors when you combine the annual cost of the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Holland to urge the Governor and Legislature to Just Fix It and agree upon a long term, sustainable solution that includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately fund Wisconsin's transportation system.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town Board directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to our State Legislators and to Governor Scott Walker.*

Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to approve Resolution 2018-9. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

#### **AMENDMENT: DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE**

Clerk Pedretti reported this draft ordinance amendment has been posted on our web page for 30 days and no comments have been made. Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to approve Ordinance #5-2007 Amendment #1, Amendment #2, Amendment #3 (2018). **MOTION** carried unanimously.

#### **PROCLAMATION: SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

Stupi explained the background. Clerk Pedretti read the proclamation into the record:

##### **TOWN OF HOLLAND PROCLAMATION**

##### **September Is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

***WHEREAS**, September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and*

***WHEREAS**, Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and*

***WHEREAS**, According to the CDC, each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide; and*

***WHEREAS**, Suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among adults in the US, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Town of Holland is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and*

***WHEREAS**, local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and*

***WHEREAS**, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and*

***WHEREAS**, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the well-being of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next few days and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Holland does hereby proclaim the month of September 2018, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the Town of Holland.*

Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to sign the Proclamation designating September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: FRANK JABLONSKI**

Stupi read the following Certificate of Appreciation into the record:

##### **Presented to Frank Jablonski**

*In appreciate for his valuable contribution in assisting the Town in opposing the high voltage transmission lines, for his unyielding dedication to the cause and for his perseverance throughout the arduous four year fight! Proclaimed on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018 on behalf of the residents of the Town of Holland.*

#### **COOPERATIVE RECYCLING AGREEMENTS**

Clerk Pedretti explained the oversight in approving a blanket authorization for future recycler newsletters. Motion by Hoffman/Warzynski to authorize the Town Chair sign future Cooperative Recycling Agreements until such time as the Town withdraws from the municipal consortium. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

#### **TOWN HALL SECURITY SYSTEM**

Clerk Pedretti highlighted several issues with the current security system. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to seek quotes to upgrade our system. Item will return next month.

#### **OPERATOR'S LICENSES (for service of alcohol)**

Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to approve the operator's licenses for Samuel Sawdey and Shannon Weiss, for Drugan's Castle Mound. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**FUTURE AGENDA**

Discuss roles and responsibilities of the Town Crew.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

HAFD has their brat fundraiser July 28<sup>th</sup>. Fall primary is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn J. Pedretti  
Town Clerk