

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Jeff Herlitzke, Mike Hoffman, Jerome Pedretti, Robert Stupi
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Town Crew John Frauenkron

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to approve the minutes of February 12, 2020. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Richard Hempte, N7137 Erann Court, stated they do not have a water problem and to do ditch work on their side of the street would be a waste of time and money.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Matt Nikolay, County Board Supervisor, reported the County Health Department is working towards proactive actions concerning the coronavirus. He reported the Wisconsin Department of Transportation awarded grant money to 34 counties and La Crosse County received \$350,000. Nikolay also noted that engineering work on planning upgrades to County Road XX should take place next month.

Patrick Barlow, County Board Supervisor, noted the Health Department is doing good work in communicating with the community concerning the coronavirus. He reported on a presentation given by the Wisconsin Election Commission and was very confident in the security measures taken in the state and the need to stay vigilant.

BASEBALL FIELDS

Mike Goryl, 1907 Independence Avenue, representing the Holmen Youth Baseball Parents Association (HYBPA), requested permission to use the Town baseball fields and concession stand for the 2020 season. He noted they will use the fields beginning the end of March through the end of July and will include two weekend tournaments. Goryl reported on the HYBPA plans for several upgrades to the fields. He assured the Board they will continue to enforce the parking plan established by the Board and he was made aware of possible ditch work along Meadow Way this summer. Motion by Hoffman/Herlitzke for the Holmen Youth Baseball Parents Association to use the Town ballfield and Skogen's field for the summer of 2020. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Retro-reflectivity signs: John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, reported the new street signs have been installed from the Town Hall up to Holland Estates and they are working their way into the coulees.

Flex beam replacement: Clerk Pedretti reported a car accident caused damage to the railing along Amsterdam Prairie Road and, due to code changes, the whole system must be replaced. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Pedretti to approve the expenditure to replace the flex beam on Amsterdam Prairie Road in the amount of \$8,500. **MOTION** carried

Town crew updates: Frauenkron highlighted several areas on their written report.

PLAN COMMISSION

Variance Petition: Stupi reported on a request by Mark Etrheim, obo Shelley Lynne Acor, W6863 Heram Road, for a variance to build a multi-purpose building on a 9.5 acre parcel which exceeds the square foot limit. He reported the Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval. Mark Etrheim shared several maps and spoke concerning the visibility and size of the building. Shelly Lynne Acor, W6863 Heram Road, explained the survey discrepancy that changed the lot from 10 acres down to 9.5 at the time of signing. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Hoffman to recommend approval of the zoning variance for Shelley Lynne Acor, W6863 Heram Road, for a variance to build on a 9.5 acre parcel with exceeds the square foot limit. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

CSM - Drugan: Stupi reported on the Certified Survey Map (CSM) request by Michael Drugan, W7567 Castle Mound Road, to split approximately ½ acre parcel from an approximately 38 acre parcel (#8-950-0) along Sylvester Road (east of Highway 53 and west of Holseth Road). He reported the concerns raised at last month's Plan Commission were addressed by the County and the lot meets the standards. Stupi reported they unanimously approved the request but pointed out the lot will be a tight fit with the well and septic. Mike Drugan, W7567 Castle Mound Road, spoke in favor. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to recommend approval of the Certified Survey Map for Michael Drugan, W7567 Castle Mount Road, to split ½ acre parcel from an approximately 38 acre parcel. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Locust Street: Stupi explained the request by Terrence and Mura McKinney, W8029 Holland Drive, to vacate Locust Street (undeveloped road right-of-way south of their home). He reported the Plan Commission unanimously approved with the stipulation that the Town maintains the easement with no building in it. Mura McKinney, W8029 Holland Drive, stated there has been no water in that area since they moved to their home in 1994. Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to approve the recommendation to approve their request to vacate Locust street to adjoining property with the stipulation that the Town of Holland maintains the drainage easement with no building or filling in. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Mitigation of drainage issues: Stupi explained the current status of the engineer work and noted the flagging was for planning purposes. He reported the Town would not be eligible for the DNR grant money as the work will not be for water quality. Stupi outlined the next steps, reassured residents that no digging will take place for some time and noted the Board still needs to determine how the projects will be funded. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to send letters to affected residents when the engineer will be available to explain his report and answer questions.

Emergency Plan - spring flooding: Stupi reported the Plan Commission reviewed the table-top exercise conducted last fall using the spring flood scenario. He reported the County implemented a new emergency notification system called RAVE, which went live on March 1st.

Report on 3/4/20 meeting: Stupi reported that the Plan Commission will be discussing the Comprehensive Plan updates.

PARK COMMITTEE

Tree stumps: Herlitzke reviewed a quote to grind the ash tree stumps in the town park and detention pond area. Discussion followed. Motion by J Pedretti/Herlitzke to okay grinding stumps by Johnson Ops for \$400. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Garbage cans: Herlitzke reported the garbage cans are deteriorating and the Park Committee suggested replacing with metal. Discussion followed. Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to

approve up to \$1,000 for trash can replacement in the parks. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 2/20/20 meeting: Herlitzke reported they are studying the option of hiring the park company to install the zip line equipment and they are still reviewing the fitness equipment options. He reported they will be talking about the transmission line funds at the next meeting on March 26th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michaels reported on the February 26th meeting and noted there were 63 calls in the Village, 7 calls in the Town of Holland and 13 in Town of Onalaska. He noted they approved hiring two part-time firefighters. J Pedretti noted the new fire truck was not used for the barn fire.

TOWN AUDIT

Clerk Pedretti noted funding was budgeted for an audit and asked if the Board wished to proceed with seeking quotes. Discussion followed. Motion by Hoffman/Herlitzke that we go out for audit quotes with requests due by June 1st. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: FINANCIAL DEPOSITORIES

Clerk Pedretti read the following in the record:

RESOLUTION 2020-1

*A resolution designating financial institutions for depositing Town funds
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Holland, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, resolves and orders as follows:*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the following financial institutions are designated public depositories for the Town of Holland:*

Bluff View Bank FDIC

First National Bank (FDIC); including a certificate of securities

Park Bank (FDIC)

River Bank (FDIC)

The town clerk shall properly post this resolution as required under Section 60.80, Wisconsin State Statutes.

Steve Mieden, N7123 Bice Avenue, suggested the Town consider utilizing the local investment fund for deposits. Discussion followed. Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to approve Resolution 2020-1 designating financial institutions for depositing Town funds. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE: TAX REFUNDS

Ordinance #2020-1: An Ordinance for Alternative Claims Procedure for Funds of Tax Payments in Excess of Tax Bill Amounts received the first reading. The Clerk noted the ordinance is available in the office for viewing. Item will return next month for a second (final) reading.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

The February Treasurer's report and March invoices were reviewed. Clerk Pedretti noted the invoice for \$149,908.13 was the last loan payment for the fire truck. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to pay the March bills in the amount of \$201,110.72. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Herlitzke and Michaels noted they will be absent at next month's meeting. Pedretti noted Election Day is April 7th and the annual Town meeting is Wednesday, April 22nd.

ADJOURN

Motion by J Pedretti/Herlitzke to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti
Town Clerk