

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

August 12, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Ben Filter, Jeff Herlitzke, Steve Mieden, Jerome Pedretti
STAFF PRESENT	Town Crew John Frauenkron, Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michaels called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices and an addendum were posted.

MINUTES

Filter noted a typo in the July 8th minutes, last page should read “BYCER” not “Bices”. Motion by Mieden/J Pedretti to approve the minutes as amended for both July 8th and July 21st.

MOTION carried.

CITIZENS’ CONCERNS

Jared Noffke, N7105 Bice Avenue, would like to know where things stand with the stormwater situation on his street and would like it to move forward.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Matt Nikolay, County Board Supervisor, reported the design work continues on County Road XX and that Public Works Committee passed the ATV ordinance. He provided board members with a page from the Wisconsin Counties Association Green Book which detailed some facts and figures concerning our county.

ORDINANCE #2-2020: ATV ROUTES

Clerk Pedretti reported on the County’s concern that any additional items in our ordinance that are not included in the County’s ATV Route ordinance will be difficult to enforce. She also noted there is nothing currently listed for Town road routes and asked if there were any proposed routes from the ATV club.

Steve Lindvig, W6428 County Road V, stated that as far as they know, only County Road V was requested at this time. Betsy Lindvig, W6428 County Road V, supported the ordinance.

Discussion followed. It was the consensus to adopt the County ordinance language and the clerk was directed to amend accordingly. Item held over for second reading next month.

MPO PRESENTATION

Peter Fletcher, Director of the La Crosse Metropolitan Planning Organization, gave a presentation concerning their organization and benefits to membership. He noted the La Crosse urbanized area is 115,000 people and they receive Federal and state monies to operate in addition to local funding. Fletcher noted they could assist with funding of our comprehensive plan updates. Mieden suggested we consider MPO membership during budget discussions.

COVID UPDATE

Hall/Shelter/Office status: Discussion took place concerning current process and future plans during the pandemic. It was the consensus to keep the office protocol as currently set-up, not to rent the hall at least through the end of September and to keep the shelter rentals at a minimum amount of people. The Board will continue to monitor and update each month.

County pandemic protocols: Herlitzke noted that, with the disbanding of the La Crosse County Compass, there are currently no standards to assist in making decisions. Discussion followed. The Board will continue to monitor and update next month.

Virtual meetings: Herlitzke reported the Town is set up for virtual meetings and the test run at last week's Plan Commission went well. He noted a link for the public hearing will be set up and posted to the Town's website.

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop sign request: Barbara Larsen, W7771 Van Dunk Place, requested a stop sign at the intersection of Van Dunk and Sunrise Lane. She reported on two incidents at the intersection that included property damage and was concerned for citizens walking or biking in that area. Larsen spoke with the neighbors and they all supported the request. Discussion followed concerning the recently installed stop signs and their effectiveness, safety of the area with the hill/curve and opposition to using stop signs for speed control. Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve installing stop signs at the intersection of Van Dunk Place and Sunrise Lane. **MOTION** carried 4 to 1 (J Pedretti)

Chipper replacement: John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, reported the 1996 chipper is overdue for replacement. He reported on the test drives of two chippers (1000 series and 1500 series) and how they both performed. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to place this request in the budget discussion process.

Compost site and ash disposal: Filter reported on his research received from two municipalities that currently provide a composting service. He questioned whether an ash disposal area should be concrete or more of a dumpster design. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to study further.

Town crew updates: Frauenkron reviewed the crew's written report. J Pedretti suggested the Town should start a discussion concerning any additional plowing services.

PLAN COMMISSION

Driveway Ordinance: Clerk Pedretti reported on the Building Inspector's input concerning the current draft of Amendment #1 to the Driveway Ordinance 3-2003, Section 3(A)(1) for the inclusion of language "to ensure safe, timely and property access and travel by emergency vehicles" with reference to current NFPA-1 standards. The clerk was directed to obtain further clarification on the state versus federal standards.

Report on 8/5/20 meeting: Filter reviewed the minutes from their August 5th meeting. He noted the public hearing on August 26th at 6:30 p.m. for input on the stormwater charges.

PARK COMMITTEE

HYBPA screening request: Herlitzke reported they unanimously approved the request to install a yellow tubing across the top of the fence with a screen added that would have an "H" logo in the school colors. Michaels asked that no advertising be allowed. Motion by Filter/Herlitzke to approve adding the rail tops to the fence with the screen on the outside. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Bike trail maintenance: Herlitzke reported the Committee discussed the bike trails along Highway 53 and in the Prairie Woods/Prairie Meadows additions. He suggested our Town crew could haul the screenings from the gravel pit to the bike trails to save hauling expenses. Discussion followed. Motion by Mieden/Herlitzke to spend no more than \$1,000 to add gravel/lime to maintain the bike trails. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Shelter #1 electrical work: Herlitzke explained that the electrical boxes and light fixtures in shelter #1 are in need of upgrading for safety reasons. Discussion followed. Motion by

Filter/Herlitzke to spend no more than \$1,000 to replace and repair the light fixtures and electrical boxes in shelter #1. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Appointment: Motion by J Pedretti/Mieden to appoint Doug Klenke to a three year term on the Park Committee. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 7/22/20 meeting: Herlitzke reviewed the minutes from the July 22nd committee meeting. He would like an agenda item added next month for discussion on installation of the fitness equipment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Country Avenue fire: Herlitzke explained he received some concerns from residents after the fire at W7979 Country Avenue. He sent a list of questions to the Fire Chief and will forward the Chief's response to the clerk for distribution to board members. Fire Fighter Jeremy Cook, 210 Lake Street, stated there was a lot of discussion and suggested if the strategic plan from 2½ years ago had been followed, the department would have had 24/7 coverage so the response time could have been quicker. Item held over next month for the Fire Chief's input.

BRYCER: Item will be held over until Fire Chief can be present.

Report on 7/15/20 meeting: Michaels reviewed the minutes from the July 15th meeting.

DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Amendment #4: Dog Control Committee and Dog Control Ordinance was presented for first reading. Mieden explained the amendment will eliminate the Dog Control Committee and create a czar, which will streamline the process. Discussion followed. Item held over next month for second reading.

OUTDOOR BURING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Amendment #2 to Ordinance 3-2008 Outdoor Burning, Open Burning and Refuse Burning Ordinance was presented for a second reading. The amendment increases the amount for fines and directs partial payment to the Town. Motion by Mieden/Herlitzke to approve Amendment #2 to Ordinance 3-2008 Outdoor Burning, Open Burning and Refuse Burning Ordinance. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2020-4

Clerk Pedretti read the following into the record:

DEPUTY CLERK

WHEREAS, Section 60.331 authorizes the Town Clerk to provide for the appointment of a deputy clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has designated Cheryl Helmreich as the deputy clerk to perform the clerk's duties during the absence, sickness or other disability of the clerk; and

WHEREAS, the pay for the deputy clerk is to be established by the authority of the Town Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Board of the Town of Holland, do hereby establish the pay for the deputy clerk at a rate of \$13 (thirteen dollars) an hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future pay increases will be set by the Town Board during the yearly review.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2020.

Michaels suggested the pay be increased to \$15 an hour. Discussion followed. Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve Resolution 2020-4 for deputy clerk with an amendment for a pay rate of \$15 an hour. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

MRRPC CONTRACT

Motion by Herlitzke/J Pedretti to authorize signing the contract with the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission to conduct an update to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ROUTES TO RECOVERY

Clerk Pedretti provided a list of possible items that would qualify for grant money under the Wisconsin Routes to Recovery program. Discussion followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

The July Treasurer's report and August invoices were reviewed. Motion by Herlitzke/Filter to approve the bills for August in the amount of \$145,082.72. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES (for service of alcohol)

Motion by J Pedretti/Filter to approve the operator's license for Jesse Kline, o/b/o Gunslick Trap Club. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

J Pedretti asked that snow plowing be added to agenda. Mieden asked that the depository local investment pool be added at some time in the future.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mieden/Herlitzke to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk