

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Nikole Hauser, Jeff Herlitzke, Kathy Warzynski and David Weber
STAFF PRESENT	Town Crew Supervisor John Frauenkron, Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stupi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Herlitzke/Warzynski to approve the minutes of April 13, April 20 and May 4.

MOTION carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none given.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

County Supervisor Matt Nikolay reported the County Administrator will be retiring this summer. He noted they are continuing to work on the distribution of ARPA funding. He reported ATV/UTV routes are being added to parts of County Road U, County Road B and all of County Road JJ.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL

Michael Damrow, W6524 Schilling Road, requested a permit to run a short-term rental at N8691 Hanson Drive, which is along the Holland Air Park. He explained this will be a unique vacation rental opportunity for aviation and tourism. He indicated he has talked with most of the neighbors and will follow Town regulations. Discussion followed. Motion by Warzynski/Herlitzke to approve the short-term rental requested by Michael Damrow to allow short-term rental at N8691 Hanson Drive. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Town shop upgrade: Henry Berry, Ratsch Engineering, reported the Town received three bids for upgrading the current Town cold storage building into a Town shop. He reviewed each of the bids and contacted references. Berry recommended accepting the Brickl Brothers bid of \$249,000. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Warzynski to approve the Brickl Brothers bid for a combined total of \$249,000 and authorize the Town Chair to finalize bid bond and sign necessary contracts. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Seal coating roads: Stupi reviewed the estimate received from La Crosse County Highway Department to crack fill and seal coat three Town roads in 2022. Discussion followed concerning the budget. Motion by Warzynski/Hauser to accept the estimate of \$165,000 for six days crack fill and seal coating of Casberg Coulee Road, Moe Coulee Road and Flaten Road in 2022. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Yard waste: Stupi gave background on the concerns with the yard waste and the possibility of providing curb-side service to residents. Discussion followed on the future increases in disposal costs, other available options, abuse of the system and illegal use by non-residents. It was the consensus to survey Town residents. Motion by Warzynski/Weber that the Town do a postcard survey to determine interest in participating in subscription service for lawn waste pick-up. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

U-turn enforcement at Gaynor Drive: Stupi explained the Town has had concerns with school traffic using Gaynor Drive as a U-turn to by-pass traffic patterns. He reported “No U-Turn” signs will be installed and the County Sheriff will begin enforcing.

Town crew report: John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, reviewed his written report.

PLAN COMMISSION

Zoning Variance: Bob Marconi, N8163 Amundson Coulee Road, requested a variance to exceed the allowable square footage and height limits. He explained he received approval a year ago for a 40’x40’ accessory building but, due to the terrain, was not able to build where originally planned; therefore, the County Zoning Department is requiring a new zoning variance. Marconi reported his neighbors approve and the building would be tucked back and mostly out of view from the road. Discussion followed concerning the change of the building size from a 40’x40’ to 40’x48’, the purchase of additional land (that would normally allow for 40’x48’ but is currently zoned Exclusive Agriculture) and the hardship requirement for a variance. Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to modify the variance to approve a 40’x40’ pole building with a variance to 21’ height and where it is laid out on property meeting all the County set back requirements. **MOTION** carried 4 to 1 (Warzynski).

Report 5/4/22 meeting: Warzynski reported they discussed developing a condominium ordinance and possible green fees for Certified Survey Maps (CSM).

Appointment: Motion by Warzynski/Herlitzke to appoint Anne Paape, W6668 Long Coulee Court, to a one-year term on the Plan Commission and Stormwater Utility Commission. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PARKS

Holland Estates Park: Pedretti reported that Mike Flury is asking for authorization to spend additional funds for fertilizer and supplies for the baseball field project. Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to authorize \$447.31 for the use of the baseball field build out. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Update on parks: Stupi reported there was vandalism to the outdoor restrooms a few weeks ago. He noted the juvenile was apprehended and a plan has been made for restitution and community service. He thanked the Town crew for their work in repairing the damage. Frauenkron reported mulch was added around the parks and the park equipment will be inspected next week. He gave an update on the trash can replacement project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stupi reported they continue to work on the referendum and collaboration agreement. He noted Jeff Murphy is the interim Fire Chief, that calls are up and the new fire truck delivery is about a year out. Herlitzke reported on a meeting of the citizens group, which included a tour of the fire house. He noted that this group will help residents understand the needs of the fire department.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Liquor license renewals: Stupi reported the following application requests for liquor license renewals: Holmen Rod & Gun Club, Holmen Gunslick, Drugan’s Castle Mound and Whispering Pines Campground.

MH round-about: Stupi reported on discussions held the past few months with the Village of Holmen, County of La Crosse and Holmen School District to install a round-about at County Road MH and Briggs Road for safety reasons. He explained the collaboration effort and that the estimated cost of \$1.4 million would be split with the School District at

50%, Village 25% and Town 25%. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to authorize the Town Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understand (MOU) based on our 25% portion of the estimated \$1.4 million. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Lori Toso, N679 Amy Drive, thanked the board for taking this important step for safety.

Amendment #3 to Ordinance 1-2012: Stupi explained the amendment would provide for pay to Board members for attending additional quorum-required meetings. Warzynski noted the language should be adjusted so members were not paid twice for attending two meetings in one night. Discussion followed and an amendment proposed to add language “except for meetings that occur on the same day”. Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to approve Amendment #3 to Ordinance 1-2012 (Governing Body Ordinance) as amended on May 11, 2022. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Open house: Stupi suggested the Town organize an open house when the Town shop upgrade is completed. It was the consensus to move forward with planning an event.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND BILLS

The April Treasurer’s report and May invoices were reviewed. Motion by Warzynski/Weber to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$59,935.62. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ATV/UTV on Town roads.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to enter into closed session under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(g) to confer “...with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.” to wit: discuss negotiations for fire protection services. Roll call vote. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Entered into closed session at 8:03 p.m.

Motion by Weber/Hauser to return to open session. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Returned to open session at 8:46 p.m. Stupi reported no action taken during closed session.

ADJOURN

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti
Town Clerk