

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

July 13, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Nikole Hauser, Jeff Herlitzke (via zoom), Kathy Warzynski and David Weber
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion by Warzynski/Hauser to approve the minutes for June 8, 2022. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none given.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Matt Nikolay, County Board Supervisor, reviewed a hand-out concerning the County's use of ARPA funding. He also reported they held a public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Update and it looks to be headed for final approval in September.

ATV/UTV ROUTES

Ordinance 2-2022: An Ordinance Establishing ATV/UTV Routes on Town Roads (2nd reading).

Stupi asked for any input concerning the draft ordinance. None given. Motion by Stupi/Weber to approve Town Ordinance 2-2022 an ordinance establish ATV/UTV routes on Town roads. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Signage: Stupi projected approximately 25-30 signs would be needed throughout the Town.

Steve Lindvig W6248 County Road V, noted the ATV club has been discussing possible cost share for signage. He also suggested researching other sign vendors to compare with the County costs. Discussion followed concerning timing and process. Zach Zangl, N7148 Birch Street, asked when ATV traffic will be allowed on Town roads. Stupi stated the signage will need to be installed before the ordinance takes effect. Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to authorize the Chair Bob Stupi to spend up to \$4,000 on ATV signage with possible cost share. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bids for sand/salt storage building: Stupi reviewed the two quotes for construction of a sand storage shed. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to approve Brickl Brothers for \$61,630 to construct a sand storage building at N6836 County Road XX. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Security cameras: Stupi reviewed the quotes for security cameras and alarm system in the new Town Shop, camera at the compost site and additional equipment for the Town Hall. He also reviewed the quote to install electricity at the compost site. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to approve the Access Security quotes of \$3,977.80 for the hall upgrade and \$4,493.80 for the Town shop installation and Bahr Electric quote of \$7,960 for the security pole at the compost site. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Christopherson Road: Stupi reviewed the issue with the May storm event that washed out the culvert and road. Motion by Warzynski/Weber to contract with the La Crosse County

Highway Department to repair Christopherson Road in the amount not to exceed \$3,000. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Compost postcard/survey: Stupi reviewed the draft postcard asking for resident input concerning switching from the current compost drop-off to curbside service. Brian Gray, W7936 Tulip Lane, noted that if the Town starts charging for this service some folks may dump in ditches. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to move forward with the mailing.

Town Crew report: Stupi reviewed the Town Crew written report.

HOLLAND SAND PRAIRIE

Management plan: Stupi asked for input on the draft Holland Sand Prairie Management Plan.

Warzynski took issue with Item 12 and the language “interest in acquiring additional acreage” as that was misleading. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to suggest rewording to “consider” rather than “interest in”. Motion by Warzynski/Hauser to approve the Plan with the modification to Section 12 that the local people, Town of Holland and other agencies would “consider” acquiring more land. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Additional land: Stupi explained the request to consider purchasing land that is contiguous to the Holland Sand Prairie but which is currently farmed. He noted his concerns with the cost to purchase, cost to restore and future costs to maintain. Brian Gray pointed out the advantage to birds and seed distribution with additional land. Discussion followed. It was the consensus for the Town Chair to contact Pete Putnam to let him know that Town was not interested in land sale at this time and the Mississippi Valley Conservancy to discuss comparisons to other properties.

PLAN COMMISSION

Warzynski reported on their July 6th meeting and noted they are drafting a condominium ordinance and had some discussion concerning the density requirement. She noted the draft will be shared with the building inspector and eventually the Town attorney.

STORMWATER UTILITY COMMISSION

Warzynski reported on their July 6th meeting and reviewed the updates on the affected areas of the May storm event. Stupi reported the Town crew is investigating the costs to pave the shoulders at Old NA/County Road XX and Briggs Road near Chris Court to help alleviate gravel washing into residential lawns. Mike Flury, W7851 Amsterdam Prairie Road, asked the Town to look into the erosion issue near his mother’s driveway on Sylvester Road and Evans Valley Road.

PARK COMMITTEE

Holland Estates Park: Mike Flury reported on the progress of the ballfield project and noted the field should be ready next spring. He reviewed the current expenses, possible donations and the need for approval of a dug-out fence and trucking of screenings. Motion by Weber/Stupi to approve the expense of the Sand Box delivery for \$705 and Century Fence for \$5,935. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Security light replacement: Clerk Pedretti reported no quote has yet been provided for updating the security lights on the outdoor restrooms. Discussion followed. Motion by Weber/Warzynski for the Town Chair Bob Stupi not to exceed \$1,000 for the cost of new security lights on the outdoor restrooms. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Open House: Hauser reminded members that the Town will be hosting an Open House on Monday, July 18th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to receive input on the Bike and Pedestrian Plan.
Report on 6/29/22: Hauser reviewed the minutes from the June 29th meeting. Warzynski asked for clarification on the proposed \$1,500 park study. Discussion followed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Board minutes: Stupi reviewed the Fire Board minutes and noted calls are up, full-time staff are needed and they continue to work on the MOU.

Referendum question: Stupi reported the referendum questions need to go through the Department of Revenue and, with the August deadline, he asked for the authority to proceed with the wording. Motion by Warzynski/Hauser to authorize the Town Chair and Town Clerk to work on the referendum question for fire protection spending.

MOTION carried unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Bank loan resolution: The clerk read the following into the record:

RESOLUTION 2022-2

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Holland, at their May 11, 2022 meeting, unanimously passed a motion to authorize the Town Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of La Crosse Highway Department, Village of Holmen, Town of Holland and the Holmen School District to install a round-about at County Road MH and Briggs Road; and

WHEREAS, the MOU required a commitment from the Town of Holland for 25% portion of the estimated \$1.4 million; and

WHEREAS, at their June 8, 2022 Town Board meeting, the Town Board unanimously passed a motion to seek a loan in the amount of \$355,000 to cover the Town's portion of the round-about construction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the said promissory note will be paid in three installments with a tax levy adjustment to cover principal payments plus interest each year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will borrow \$355,000 for the round-about construction from River Bank at an interest rate of 3.25% for three years.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2022.

Motion by Herlitzke/Warzynski to approve Resolution 2022-2. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Covid-19 sick-leave policy: Stupi was asked by an employee what the Town's sick leave policy was for staying home following Covid-19 protocol. Discussion followed. Motion by Warzynski/Herlitzke from now on Covid-19 sick time has to come out of the employee's paid sick leave but for the previous instance the Town will provide 50% coverage for sick time. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

OPERATOR'S LICENSES (for service of alcohol)

Motion by Hauser/Warzynski to approve the operator's license for Melissa Klein o/b/o Gunslick Trap Club. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

The June Treasurer's report and July invoices were reviewed. Motion by Warzynski/Herlitzke to approve the bill payment in the amount of \$174,058.77. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk reported absentee ballot requests for the August 9th election are steady and the deputy clerk will be assisting.

CLOSED SESSION: No closed session was required.

ADJOURN

Motion by Weber/Hauser to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti
Town Clerk