

## TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2022

Special Meeting

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Nikole Hauser, Jeff Herlitzke, Kathy Warzynski and David Weber
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti
<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>	Patrick Barlow, Village of Holmen and Jeff Roemer, McMahon Associates (via zoom)

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### RECONSIDER MOTION

Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to reconsider the motion of August 10, 2022 for performing drainage repairs. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Stupi explained the quote from La Crosse County Highway Department was miscommunicated and explained the scope of the work. Discussion followed. Motion by Warzynski/Weber to contract with the County for the drainage repairs on Old NA and Briggs Road not to exceed \$4,000. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### LEVY LIMIT

Stupi introduced Jeff Roemer, McMahon Associates, who has been consulting with the Holmen Area Fire Board. Stupi explained the charts detailing the three options for a request to increase the levy limit. Patrick Barlow, Village of Holmen President, explained the target number and noted the Village will be requesting a 26.66% increase in their levy. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to seek the \$582,500 amount in the referendum question.

### LEVY LIMIT RESOLUTION

The clerk read the following into the record:

#### **RESOLUTION 2022-3**

#### ***A Resolution of the Town Board Exercising the Referendum Option to Increase the Town Levy***

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has placed levy limits on towns, villages, cities, and counties under s. 66.0602 of Wisconsin Statutes;

**WHEREAS**, s. 66.0602, Wis. Stat. limits the local levy to a percentage increase of no more than the greater of either (a) 0% increase over the maximum allowable levy based on the state's levy limit law or (b) a percentage equal to the percent change in equalized value due to net new construction, which for the Town of Holland is estimated to be 2.48 % percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Holland, La Crosse County believes it is in the Town's interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 2.48% for purposes of enhancing fire protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holland actual levy in 2021 (collected in 2022) was \$511,554; and state law would limit the increase to \$12,687, plus debt service of \$214,741 for a total allowable 2022 (collected in 2023) Town tax levy of \$738,982.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Board of the Town of Holland, La Crosse County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby supports an increase in the Town tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) to exceed the state levy limit. The Town Board intends that the levy increase be applied on an ongoing basis by including it

*in the base used to calculate the limit for 2023 as well. The purpose for which the increased levy will be used is to enhance fire protection.*

- 2. The Town Board directs that the question of increasing the Town tax levy for 2022 (to be collected in 2023) by 78% which would increase the Town levy by \$582,500 over the past year's levy, for the Town tax levy of \$1,321,482 (including debt service), the increase to be used to enhance fire protection, shall be submitted to the electors in a referendum during the General Election to be held on November 8, 2022.*

*Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.*

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to approve Resolution 2022-3 as read. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to enter into closed session under Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(e) for "...deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduct other specified public business..." to wit: discuss negotiations for fire protection services. Roll call vote. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Jeff Roemer was allowed to remain. Entered closed session at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to return to open session. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Returned to open session at 7:43 p.m. Chair Stupi reported no action taken in closed session.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn J. Pedretti  
Town Clerk