

## TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2023

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Nikole Hauser, Jeff Herlitzke, Kathy Warzynski and David Weber
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	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 properly posted.

### MINUTES

Motion by Warzynski/Hauser to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022. **MOTION** carried.

### CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Mike Hoffman, W7814 Park Avenue, asked if the Town was planning an open house for the new shop build-out. Stupi reported the open house was postponed due to construction delays but the Town should host something this spring.

### COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Matt Nikolay, County Board Supervisor, reported the County offered Jane Klekamp the County Administrator position and details are being worked out. He reported the Public Works Committee approved moving forward with the purchase of right-of-ways along County Road XX for the reconstruction project set for 2024.

### BALLFIELDS 2023

VYSA: Ben Filter, W7935 Prairie Meadows Street, spoke on behalf of the Viking Youth Soccer Association (VYSA) and requested use of the new Flury Field and the Town Hall park (west of the parking area) for soccer practices. He explained the need for their growing organization. Stupi noted the Park Committee should provide additional input but the Board could give preliminary approval so the VYSA could move forward with their planning. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Warzynski to approve use of the Town Hall field and Flury field for the youth soccer group. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Filter stated he will work with the Park Committee on details.

Luther Junior Knights: Melissa Lemke, N7154 Erann Court and Jenny Purie of LaCrescent, on behalf of the Luther Junior Knights, requested use of the ballfields for a tournament July 21-22, 2023. She explained the need for the fields and concession stand. Stupi suggested the Park Committee draft an agreement for use of the ballfields to work out details for this and future requests. Discussion followed. Motion by Weber/Herlitzke to give preliminary approval for Luther Junior Knights for July 21-22. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Key fob for compost site: Herlitzke provided a hand-out of feedback he received from his survey of residents concerning the \$50 charge for the key fob gate access to the compost site. He reported the Town's tonnage was about double that of the Town of Onalaska. Herlitzke explained the costs for the Town will significantly increase in 2024.

\*Carrie Ewing, N9287 Mark Trail, asked if the Town could create piles of the material for re-use by residents. John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, explained the site

is often overwhelmed with material and the compost is frequently muddy. Ewing suggested a community garden would provide some acreage to start a compost recycling system.

- \*Matthew Bornheimer, N7058 Elizabeth Drive, thanked Herlitzke for his research. He reported that, other than the City of Onalaska, no other municipality charges for yard waste disposal and suggested the cost of the fob be lowered. Stupi explained the options available to the Town and that the Board had discussed this since 2017. Discussion followed.
- \*Al Hagen, N7071 Elizabeth Drive, suggested that with 1623 households, the Town is set to make money from this fee. Herlitzke noted the fob is not a tax but optional and anticipated less than 300 people will request one. Discussion followed.
- \*Doug Klenke, N6954 Sunrise Lane, noted he has too many oak trees to mulch his own material and uses the site each season. He had no concerns with the fee.
- \*Ben Filter, W7935 Prairie Meadows Street, noted his biggest issue was being charged for raw material that the contractor will eventually make money from. He reported on other options the Board researched to dispose of compost but the Town would not be able to meet the standards. Discussion followed. Filter asked how the Town will prevent residents from sharing their fob. Herlitzke hoped residents were honorable.
- \*Connor Birkel, N8381 Ducke Drive, asked if this would be a one-time fee and should there be a discount for renewals as the fob would be paid for the first time. Discussion followed.

Motion by Weber/Warzynski to set the fee at \$26 for the first year, \$6 of which for the fob and so \$6 would be the replacement cost. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

JD Tractor: Frauenkron explained the John Deere tractor has some bad wires that intermittently do not work. He is awaiting a quote to repair. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to repair if a reasonable quote was received.

Town Crew report: Frauenkron reviewed his written report. Discussion followed concerning some minor glitches with the new shop upgrade. Herlitzke suggested purchasing a temperature monitor and will research options.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Herlitzke reviewed the minutes of December 20, 2022. Carrie Ewing stated she was opposed to changing the name of the fire department and noted the expenses involved in rebranding. She suggested that people take pride in Holmen and if there were misconceptions by the press, the Fire Board could add to the by-laws that the Town and Village coordinate on press releases. Stupi will relay to the Fire Board.

## **NEW COMMITTEE**

Stupi noted the Ad-hoc Trail Development Committee was a temporary committee formed to develop a bike and pedestrian plan and the Town voted last month to create a Bike and Pedestrian Committee to oversee future planning. Discussion followed concerning the make-up of the new committee. It was the consensus that it be five members appointed in April.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS**

The Treasurer's report and invoices were reviewed. Motion by Weber/Herlitzke to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the January monthly expenses in the amount of \$100,882.18. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stupi reported a letter was sent to Mayor Mitch Reynolds thanking the City for their fire service assistance over the past 18 months. He also sent a letter to Patrick Barlow asking the Village to open streets for ATV traffic to allow regional access.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to enter into closed session under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for: "...consideration of employment, compensation or performance evaluation data..." to wit: discussion of duties and compensation for Town crew members; and under Wisc. 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: discussion on negotiations for fire protection services. Roll call vote. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Entered into closed session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to return to open session. **MOTION** carried. Returned to open session at 8:11 p.m. Stupi reported no action taken during the closed session.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Weber/Hauser to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn J. Pedretti  
Town Clerk