

**TOWN OF HOLLAND
STORMWATER UTILITY COMMISSION**

July 1, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Mike Garson, Anita Jagodzinski, Bryan Nindorf and Anne Paape
EXCUSED	Doug Klenke and Ron Knapmiller
STAFF PRESENT	David Carlson (Town Crew), Marilyn Pedretti (Town Clerk)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stupi called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Nindorf/Garson to approve the minutes of May 6, 2026. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none given.

CULVERT/DITCH WORK

Fonstad Road: Stupi reported the culvert at Fonstad Road was incorrectly installed last fall and the Town was unable to connect with the contractor this spring. He noted another contractor was available to finish the project quickly and at a reasonable cost (under budget) so he authorized the work. Stupi reported the Town Board approved paving over the patch this summer. He reported Eric Fonstad was not happy with the work last fall, noting the internet was cut and down for months, and was frustrated with lack of communication with this year's work. Fonstad also pointed out puddling at the culvert with the last rain event. Discussion followed. Stupi instructed the crew to check the culvert flow and area for any issues.

Walnut Street: Stupi reviewed the culvert work at Walnut Street that was approved last fall but was postponed due to construction timing. He noted GEC designed the project and Strupp performed the work last month. He reported the system is working and the water drained from the last rain event.

Paul Davidson, N7134 Walnut Street, said he was the neighbor to the north of the driveway that caused the drainage problems and expressed his frustration that he was not notified of the work on his property. He asked if there were other alternatives and why the neighbor was permitted to construct the driveway that caused the dam. Stupi explained the Driveway Ordinance has since been amended to cover reconstruction of driveways and that the Town relies on the engineer for stormwater recommendations. Discussion followed concerning process.

Michelle Torgerson, N7144 Elm Court, said while Mike Hoffman (former Stormwater Utility Chair) notified them last fall that some "minor" ditch work was needed, they were unhappy with the lack of communication this spring and the fact that the actual work was extensively long and has an abrupt v-shaped angle.

Scott Torgerson, N7144 Elm Court, was appalled by the stormwater work. He was frustrated with the lack of communication and disagreed with the engineering. He noted they have safety concerns with the depth, angle and utilities and were concerned this would devalue their property. He said because of the steepness he would not maintain the ditch and suggested a fence would be required. Stupi stated a fence is not required. Discussion followed. It was the consensus that communication was lacking and, in the future, residents in affected areas would be notified in writing of any stormwater work.

Scott Torgerson requested that everything be put back to the original and fix the neighbor's driveway problem. Stupi suggested he provide something in writing to be presented to the Town Board.

John Bender, N7144 Elm Court, was co-owner of the two parcels that were disturbed and also asked that the work be reversed.

Other stormwater work: Awaiting engineering plans.

SHOULDERING/SOD REMOVAL PROJECT

Stupi reviewed an issue with ponding in several places along Bice Avenue due to grass blocking natural water run-off. He drove the areas after the rain event today and shared photos of the ponding. David Carlson, Town Crew, noted the same issue on Pedretti Street. Discussion followed concerning shouldering options. Motion by Nindorf/Garson to recommend that our Town Crew shoulder these select areas where the water is ponding and we notify homeowners of the work. **MOTION** carried.

LA CROSSE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Stupi explained the county is seeking input concerning a new direction with a proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan Website and members were encouraged to participate in a survey.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jagodzinski/Nindorf to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk