

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, March 10, 2009

The Joint Meeting of the Village of Cedar Grove Board and the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Village of Cedar Grove President, Gene Jentink at 7:32 P.M. on March 10, 2009. The meeting took place at the Village of Cedar Grove Library. The clerks certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll call showed President Gene Jentink and Trustees Ken Hoopman, Mark Post, Ron Hinze, Jeff Duenk, and Richard Katte present from the Village, and Chairman Don Becker, and Supervisors Martin Elmer, Stan Lammers, and Dave Huenink present from the Township. Also present were Cedar Grove Clerk/Treasurer Karen Otte, and Town of Holland Clerk Sharon Claerbaut.

Gene Jentink stated that there have been two meetings already and asked if any progress has being made. He also asked if the two municipalities were jointly supporting the Fire Department, or what direction do we want to go?

Don Becker stated that he believes that the two big issues are water hook up costs and rent of the fire house. The Town believes that more information was needed.

Two evaluations of the Fire House have been made as far as a fair rental price is concerned. Ted Scharl did the evaluation for the Village, and Gottsacker did it for the Township.

At the last meeting the Village had been asked to check on how much the Fire Trucks are used by the Village for purposes other than fighting fires. It was reported that, on occasion, the Village Dept. of Works uses the oldest tanker to clean out culverts. It was also stated by the Village that they believe Roger TeStroete, from the Town Roads Dept., requests help from time to time.

Dave Huenink had taken good suggestions from both sides of the table and incorporated it into a document.

The Village presented their report from Ted Scharl, and the Town presented their report from Paul Gottsacker who deals only with commercial buildings. His findings were \$3.25 per square foot. Ted Scharl's suggestion was \$23,400 per year. Paul Gottsacker's estimate was \$24,000 per year. The Town Board asked for a few minutes to meet in private.

When they returned they stated that they were willing to pay for half of \$24,000 fire house rent per year with a 6% increase every three years.

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After some discussion, the Town Board again met in private, and upon returning agreed to pay \$45 per hookup plus the fair water charge.

Discussion continued in regard to what the Fire Dept. would be allowed to spend for emergency repairs etc., without getting approval from the Boards. Neither Board was comfortable with the \$5,000 limit which had been suggested. Ron Hinze stated that he would like to see something really simple in regard to the contract. While others agreed that they would like that also, no one had any definitive motion to present. It was agreed that a lot more work needs to be done on this before an agreement can be arrived at.

No date was chosen for the next meeting because of upcoming vacations by some of the Board members, and the amount of work that needs to be done on this.

Motion by Stan Lammers, seconded by Mark Post, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk