

Town of Holland
Annual Meeting
April 10, 2007

The annual meeting for the Town of Holland was called to order by Chairman Donald Becker at 8:00 P.M. on April 10, 2007, at the Town of Holland Hall, County G. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Becker. The clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws have been met.

Motion by Stan Lammers, and seconded by Martin Elmer, to adopt the agenda as the official order of business. Motion carried.

The deputy clerk read the minutes of the April 11, 2006 Annual Meeting for information.

The Chairman introduced Supervisors Martin Elmer, Stanley Lammers, Steve Jones, and David Huenink, Clerk Sharon Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk Allan Claerbaut, Treasurer Craig Droppers, Deputy Treasurer Sue Droppers, Road Supervisor Roger TeStroete, Road Worker LaMont Lukens, and Custodian Ron Lenz. He then stated that Mr. Paul Corson, the auditor from Weber, Corson, & Peterson, would be present as soon as he could get here from another meeting.

Chairman Becker stated that Steve Jones and David Huenink were newly elected to the Board, and expressed a thank you to retiring Board members Ken Becker who had been of special help during the process of redoing the zoning ordinances, and Matt Sproehlich who has been the youngest person ever to hold office in the Town of Holland.

Don Becker then explained the procedures for the Annual Meeting, and that only people living in the Township are allowed to vote and must be 18 years of age or older. He also stated that all votes would be by a show of hands unless otherwise called for.

Ivy Nevela gave a report by the Salary Committee. She gave comparisons of neighboring Township chairman and supervisor salaries. Jack Smies made a motion that the Chairman salary be raised to \$6,200 annually, that being effective after the chairman is elected into office next time. Motion seconded by Jack Stokdyk. Vote showed nineteen (19) in favor of the motion, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried. Motion by Jack Smies to increase supervisors' salary to \$4,025, this also being effective after supervisors are elected into it. Motion seconded by Jack Stokdyk. Vote showed nineteen (19) in favor of the motion, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried. A thank you was expressed to the Salary Committee composed of Jack Smies, Ivy Nevela and Claus Weingaertner.

Paul Corson presented a financial report for the Town of Holland for 2006, and also presented several pie charts to explain where the Town's money comes from, how it is disbursed, and percentage comparisons of each expense. Paul Corson asked if there were any questions. Jack Smies stated that he thinks there should be designated funds for roads and fire trucks. Motion to approve the 2006 Financial Report by Jack Smies, and seconded by Roger TeStroete. Vote showed nineteen (19) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

Chairperson reports by Committees:

Stan Lammers reported on the road improvements made in 2006. He also stated that there are plans for improvements for Holland-Lima Road, Walvoord Road, and the possibility of hiring some private snow plowing.

Martin Elmer reported that the Township is covered by four fire departments, and that Oostburg and Cedar Grove Departments each purchased a new truck in 2006. Oostburg was awarded a grant that covered most of theirs, but Cedar Grove did not receive a grant. The Town will be continuing the Sheriff Dept. contract. Amsterdam Park improvements include a new fence, some downed tree removal, and planting of several new trees. Playground equipment needs

improvement. The Board is considering an ordinance regulating hours at the Early Settler Cemetery. Martin also reported on the recycling center action. He is considering putting another posting place down there. The Town web site is now in operation. General Code has been hired to redo the Town Ordinances. The Town is working on a Comprehensive Long Range Plan, and will also be working with the Village of Cedar Grove on the Village's extraterritorial rights.

The next Annual Meeting should be held on the second Tuesday, following the first Monday in April of 2008. That date will be April 15, 2008. Motion by Jack Stokkdyk, seconded by Jack Smies, to set that date for the 2008 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Any other business. Mark Huenink stated that the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. has had an unusual number of very difficult situations to deal with in the past few years, and made a motion that a statement of thanks which reads "We the residents of the Town of Holland gathered at this annual meeting would like to publicly express our gratitude and sincere thanks to the members of the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. for their service and sacrifice to the public in extremely difficult and dangerous situations in the recent past. Their efforts have been heroic and should be commended." be extended publicly to the Department. This motion was seconded by Roger TeStroete. Don Becker stated that this would be an advisory to the Board to carry out. It was also asked that this statement would commend all of the four fire departments that the Town supports. Mark and Roger agreed to amend the motion to include the other departments. Vote showed nineteen (19) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried. Sharon Claerbaut stated that many of those attending the meeting are now serving, or have served the Town in various positions over the years. She especially thanked Sam Huibregts, who served on the Board and as Town Chairman for many years, and Mark and Mary Huenink for all of their help with the new handicapped voting machine.

Deputy Allan Claerbaut read these minutes for approval. Motion by Jack Smies, seconded by Ivy Nevela, to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Jack Smies, and seconded by Jack Skokdyk. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk

Lunch was served following the meeting.