

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County,

April 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Becker. The Clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll Call showed Steve Jones, Stan Lammers, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, and Dave Huenink present from the Town Board. Also present were Treasurer Craig Droppers, Clerk Sharon Claerbaut, and Deputy Clerk Allan Claerbaut.

Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to change the agenda by moving the first Public Input to follow the presentation by Jim Hulber, and then adopt that Agenda as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular Board meeting and the minutes of the March 10, 2009 Joint Meeting with the Village of Cedar Grove were both posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Don , seconded by Steve, to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up-to-date.

Financial/Treasurer's Reports: Reports were presented by Craig. Motion by Martin, seconded by Dave, to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: There was one additional voucher presented, that being \$650 for a new computer and monitor for the Roads Dept. Motion by Steve, seconded by Martin, to approve the Voucher list with the addition. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: There are currently two fire calls that are being billed. Two have been paid by the State, but one of those has just been paid by the Insurance Company, so Sharon will have to check into what to do about returning the money to the State for that call.

Presentation by Jim Hulbert, Director of Planning for Sheboygan County, on the area commonly known as American Heritage property. This property is being considered by Sheboygan County as a plan to submit for a grant due to the stimulus money available from the Federal Government. It is referred to as Amsterdam Dunes. Mr. Hulbert distributed maps of the area, and gave a web site where information can be obtained. That website is hulbejch@co.sheb.wi.us. Mr. Hulbert was asked how the public responded at the public informational meeting. He responded that he has about fifteen people willing to work on the project, and that he has also received many favorable emails and telephone calls. Dave Huenink added that about 25 people were at the meeting and that the project was very well received.

Public Input: Jack Stokdyk asked what strings might be attached to the Amsterdam Dunes grant. It was stated that the Habitat Preservation is to be used as an educational area, and the Federal Government is interested in habitat restoration. Dave Mueller asked how many homes were planned for this area, and was told fifteen homes are planned. Doug Hamilton stated that he believes you don't get free money from the government – there will be strings attached. He also stated that everyone should be very careful about rushing into anything.

Update on abandoned wells. Sharon handed out the ad that was placed in the Lakeshore Weekly and The Sounder. This will be back on the agenda next month.

Discuss/act on Holland Sanitary district abandonment issue: Gerry Antoine has drafted a document for this purpose, which must be personally taken to people within the Sanitary District for signatures. This must be done by a property owner within the District. In order to abandon the district, 51% of the property owners must sign. Motion by Dave, seconded by Don, to move forward with this and have the petition signed. Sharon will find someone to do this, and Al will assist that person. Motion carried.

Request by Robert, James, and Bryon Lammers for Fireworks permit for July 4, 2009 and September 5, 2009. There is a \$25 fee for fireworks permits. A question was raised about whether this is one permit or two. The answer was that the Lammers family should be charged for one permit. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to grant the fireworks permit for those two days. Motion carried.

Request by John Dickmann and Claus Weingaertner for Fireworks permit for July 4, 2009. Motion by Steve, seconded by Dave, to grant the request for the permit. Motion carried.

Adopt motion entitled “Notice of Disallowance of Claim” regarding the Posthuma claim. Motion by Martin, seconded by Stan, to adopt and sign the “Notice of Disallowance of Claim” and have Sharon send it out per Gerry Antoine’s instructions. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on the mechanisms for regular updates of the web site. Dave explained the mechanisms. He will write up a procedure for clerk/deputy clerks, or someone may be hired to do this.

Appoint Board Committees for one year. Don asked if Dave would be willing to remain on the Plan Commission for another year since he was familiar with all the proceedings. Dave said that he would. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to appoint Dave to the Plan Commission for one year. Motion carried. Other committees were discussed. It was agreed that the Board will wait for one month to appoint the various committees because of the new Board member coming into his term of office.

Appoint Plan Commission members for three year term. Motion by Don, seconded by Stan, to reappoint Ken Nyhuis and Eugene Schmitz to the Plan Commission for another three year term each depending on their acceptance of the appointed terms. Motion carried.

Appoint Weed Commissioner for one year term. Motion by Dave, seconded by Martin, to appoint Mike Kuffel to a one year term as Weed Commissioner upon condition that he accepts the term. Motion carried.

Appoint Board of Appeals Members for three term. Motion by Martin, seconded by Stan, to reappoint John A. Navis and Mike Weidemeyer to three year terms on the Board of Appeals pending their acceptance of the terms.

Plan Commission Recommendations: None.

Discuss/act on resolution drafted by the Wisconsin Towns Association requesting that the change in the prevailing wage requirements in the Governor's budget be removed from the budget. Motion by Martin, seconded by Don, to approve the resolution entitled "Resolution Opposing Proposed Changes on Wisconsin Prevailing Wage Law". Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Administration – Steve reported that he had met with Brian Bruggink regarding the DeMaster Road drainage issue. Brian agrees that the clearing of obstacles should go all the way from DeMaster Road to Bahr Creek. Steve recommends that \$2,000 to \$4,000 should be used on the project. He also recommends that all property owners get together to talk about this issue, and they might be able to apply for a grant. Don thanked Steve for all of his hard work on this and other projects.

Roads – Stan will request a budget change to add \$29,000 to the Roads Budget at the Annual Meeting tomorrow night. We had money approved previously, but due to the June rains last year we ran out of time to do all of the projects that were planned. Stan also reported that blacktopping numbers are coming in slightly lower than estimated.

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – Martin reported that the next Amsterdam Park Commission meeting will be held next Monday night. Recycling is going well with the larger dumpster. He called attention to the fact that the new curtains are up in the hall. Stan and Roger, along with Stan's daughters, had hung the curtains. Roger's personal scaffolding was used for that project so it was suggested and approved that Roger be paid \$25 for the use of the scaffolding. Don expressed appreciation for the time put in on that.

Public Safety – Dave reported 35 hours by the Sheriff Dept. in March. They had issued a couple of warnings. There is nothing else to report on the Fire Dept. at this time.

Public Input. Sharon publicly thanked Steve for his years of service to the Township, and said that she had enjoyed working with him.

A closed session to discuss the negotiations with the Village of Cedar Grove regarding the fire department agreement, and also a personnel matter. Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to go into closed session. Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting into closed session at 9:35 P.M.

Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to come back into open session. Steve-Yes Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting back into open session at 9:55 P.M. Motion by Steve, seconded by Martin, to appoint Paul DeMaster as assistant road superintendent with his wage to be at the same rate as other roads dept. employees, and to be reviewed in six months.. Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. There will be continuing negotiations with the Village of Cedar Grove most likely in May due to vacations.

Public Input: Craig thanked Steve for his years of service. Don stated that this goes for all of us.

Correspondence: All in the packet

Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk