

Town of Holland
Annual Meeting
April 15, 2008

The annual meeting of the Town of Holland was called to order by Chairman Donald Becker at 8:00 P.M. on April 15, 2008, 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.

Chairman Becker explained the procedures for the Annual Meeting, and that only people living in the Township are allowed to vote, and must be eighteen years of age or older. He explained that this is a meeting of the electors, not a Board meeting. Property owners who do not live in the Township may speak, but cannot vote. Don stated that all votes will be by a show of hands unless otherwise called for.

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 10, 2007 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, Custodian Ron Lenz, Building Inspector Tom Huenink, and Auditor Paul Corson.

Chairman Becker stated that Stanley Lammers and Martin Elmer had just been re-elected to the Board,

Paul Corson presented the financial report for the Town of Holland for 2007. He also presented pie charts to show where the revenues come from and how the tax money is divided and used.

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Paul then asked if there were any questions. Motion to approve the 2007 Financial Report by Jack Smies, seconded by Dave Huenink, Vote showed sixteen (16) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

The next order of business was to discuss and act on a possible resolution regarding the sale of cemetery gravesites which have been owned by the Township since 1936. It was explained that it has just come to light that the Town of Holland has owned gravesites at Union Cemetery located on Highway 32 in the Town of Holland since 1936. This was the year the Town Hall was built and, at that time, a young couple was buried at the site of the present Hall. These bodies needed to be moved to build the hall, so a lot consisting of eight gravesites was purchased at that time. Two of the gravesites were used for this purpose and the other six remain. Motion by Jack Stokdyk, seconded by Jack Smies, to pass Resolution #3-2008 entitled “Resolution Authorizing Sale of Cemetery Lots” which authorizes the Town Board to sell these gravesites. Vote showed fifteen (15) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

Chairperson reports by Committees:

Stan Lammers reported on the road improvements made in 2007. There was betterment work done on Holland-Lima Road. Also work was done on Walvoord Road from Hwy 32 to the railroad tracks, and on Knepprath Road. There is a possibility of privatizing some snowplowing work. Way too much was spent on snowplowing this past season because of the heavy snowfall, but also because many of the storms were on weekends or holidays when the rates are much higher.

Dave Huenink reporting on public safety stated that, because of the motion at last year's Annual Meeting to make a statement of thanks to our Fire Departments for

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their efforts, plaques were personally presented to each of the four Fire Departments. He also reported that the Cedar Grove Fire Department has received a \$145,000 grant for new air bags. The Sheriff's Department contract averages about 36 hours of service per month in the Township.

Martin Elmer reported on Amsterdam Park. He also reported that there is a cemetery ordinance in effect now regarding it being open to the public only during daylight hours. He further reported that the recycling center collected about \$1,700 for recycled material in 2007, and that batteries need a special collection spot. The State is also talking about special needs for disposing of televisions and computers.

Steve Jones reported that his committee is working on drainage issues in the DeMaster Road area, and that we will be working with the Village of Oostburg and neighbors to rectify this situation.

Don Becker reported that The General Code is completed and will be upgraded yearly. The Comprehensive Plan is being worked on and will be completed by years end. Extra territorial Powers are being worked on between the Village of Cedar Grove and the Town. Don said this has been an extremely busy year for all the Board members, and thanked them for their work.

In any other business that comes before the Town a question was asked about how the Roads Committee figures what roads need repair. Jack Smies thanked the Board for their hard work. It was asked if the Road Budget could be modified because of the larger than average snow removal cost.

Motion by Jack Stokdyk, seconded by Jack Smies,

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to put an extra \$62,000 into the Road Budget to cover extra snow removal expense. Vote showed fourteen (14) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried. Motion by LaMont Lukens, seconded by Roy Teunissen, that the Tripp money from Holland-Lima Road be placed in the Road Budget. Vote showed nine (9) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried. Craig Droppers asked that the Town do something to control abandoned wells and be sure that they are sealed.

The next Annual Meeting should be held on the second Tuesday, following the first Monday in April of 2009. That date will be April 14, 2009. Motion by Jack Smies, seconded by Ivy Nevela, to set that date for the 2009 Annual Meeting. Vote showed fourteen (14) in favor, zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.

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

Motion to adjourn by Jack Smies, seconded by Jack Stokdyk. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk

Lunch was served following the meeting.