

Town of Holland
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Sheboygan County,
July 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 John Maul, 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 Martin, to adopt the agenda as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 8, 2009 regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Public Input: None

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

Approval of Vouchers: There was one additional voucher presented. Motion by Martin, seconded by Dave, to approve the voucher list with the addition. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: There is currently only one outstanding account receivable, that being a fire call on I-43, which has now been billed to the State.

Update on incentive checks from Elections Board: Sharon reported that she has received another \$100 incentive check from the State of Wisconsin Election Board, but that, again, this money can only be used to improve elections, and must be documented as such..

Plan Commission Recommendations: None

Discuss/act on new fireworks applications: There was some discussion and suggestions on the forms that Don had supplied. Motion by Stan, seconded by John, to approve the fireworks applications and permit forms per the corrections and additions discussed. Motion carried.

Request for Fireworks Permit: Peter Volkert was present at the meeting requesting a fireworks permit for the evening of July 18, 2009. He plans to display them on his property located at N1764 Sauk Trail Road. The fireworks Mr. Volkert plans to use are within the limits established. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to issue the permit. Motion carried.

Appoint Oostburg Public Library Board Member for three year term; Sharon reported that she had been informed that the Library Board is now operating differently, and there is no need to appoint a representative on a three year basis.

Discuss/act on opening on Board of Appeals: The Board is seeking an individual as a second alternate on the Board of Appeals. Sharon was instructed to place an ad in the Lakeshore Weekly and The Sounder seeking interested parties.

Discuss/act on 'Petition for Dissolution of Sanitary District No.1 of the Town of Holland': There was a Public Hearing held just prior to this Board Meeting regarding this matter. All proper steps have been taken, and there was no objection at the Public Hearing. A person residing and owning property within the Sanitary District (Carl Nyhof) had obtained signatures on a petition from over 51% of the property owners involved. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve and sign the 'Petition for Dissolution of Sanitary District No.1 of the Town of Holland'. John-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried.

In the interests of Veolia representative, Mike Thun, who was present, the Chairman asked that the next two items on the agenda be switched.

Discuss/act on Veolia Contact: Mike Thun from Veolia was present and asked how the Town would like to proceed with a possible new contract. The Board asked Mr. Thun to send a proposal for a new contract. This item will be placed on the agenda again next month.

Discuss/act on abandoned wells issue: Craig Droppers reported that he is making some progress on locating some of these wells, and will continue to work on it. He also reported that the State has a program in place which depends on an individuals income, but there is a lot of paperwork involved. There are some funds available through the County, and also the EPA may be interested in getting these wells closed.

Discuss/act on procedure for kennel licensing per article 140-9 of Town Code: The Board discussed this matter, and will have the Plan Commission Clerk do modifications on possible procedure

Discuss/act on having septic system pumped: It is a requirement to have any septic system pumped every three years. The Town has received notification that the Hall septic system needs to be pumped within the next two months. Sharon will check who pumped it last time, and ask Roger to proceed with this matter.

Committee Reports:

Administration – John reported that work is scheduled on DeMaster Road where drainage is needed . Steve Jones and John will get together to discuss this issue.

Parks & Property – Martin reported that there a number of dignitaries are doing a tour around Sheboygan County, and will be stopping at Amsterdam Park, so Roger will be sure to have it very clean. There was a fire down there, probably started by sparklers, to which the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. responded. He also reported that Martin Karl has been hired as the backup person at the Recycling Center, and that Roger has gotten an estimate on blacktopping the driveway leading to the Recycling Center which is \$45,000. Roger also has an estimate of \$2,000 to fix the bad area in the Town Hall parking lot.

Roads – Stan reported that Risseeuw Road is completed. The Seal Coating machine broke so that work must be rescheduled. There have been complaints about Hoftiezer Road. The County will reseal that because it was so late in the fall before they got to it and this has caused a problem. Stan also said that the backhoe has a problem, and will require about \$2,500 to repair.

Public Safety – Dave reported 37 hours by the Sheriff Dept. in June. There were written warnings and citations. Dave had received 2008 reports form the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. and the Cedar Grove Fires Responders. The Fire Dept. was over budget. The First Responders were under budget. He also reported that Mark Post and he had gotten together to go over the Fire Dept. agreement.

Public Input. Dave Huenink reported that the Amsterdam Dunes project did not get the grant they had applied for, but are still proceeding and trying for another grant.

A closed session to discuss Cedar Grove Fire Dept. Contract negotiations, and personnel matters and compensation: Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to go into closed session. John-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting into closed session at 9:08 P.M

Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to come back into open session. John-Yes Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting back into open session at 9:35 P.M. It was reported that the Board has asked Dave to continue to negotiate with Mark Post, and they hope to get the agreement worked out by the end of the year..

Public Input: Don reported that, like the rest of the business world, the economy is impacting his business so he will need more time to work there, and will have to back off somewhat on Town work. The clerk , treasurer, and Board members commended Don for the extreme amount of work he has put in for the Town , and all the things he has spearheaded to accomplish. They all told him he has done a great job, and it is time for him to back off and work on his own business.

Correspondence: All in the packet

Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk