

# Town of Holland

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

### Sheboygan County,

### July 14, 2008

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 Meetings Law had been met.

Roll call showed Steve Jones, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, Dave Huenink, Treasurer Craig Droppers, Clerk Sharon Claerbaut, and Deputy Clerk Allan Claerbaut present. Stan Lammers arrived at this point.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Dave, to adopt the Agenda as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 9, 2008 Board Meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Dave, seconded by Martin, to approve the minutes of meeting with correction of striking the words "Amsterdam and" on the third page. Motion carried.

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

Public Input: Doreen Bloomingdale and Wayne DeVrue both expressed concerns about flooding on Cardinal Lane during the recent storm. They were told that the Town will recheck the culverts along Town Line Road, but because Cardinal Lane is a private road the Road Association is responsible for culverts within that road.

Financial/Treasurer's Reports: Reports were presented by Craig. Don asked the clerk to check why the miscellaneous income has already far exceeded the budget. Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Sharon told the Board of a couple of corrections and additions to the list. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to approve the voucher list with the corrections and additions. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: There are no accounts receivable at this time.

Discuss/act on Cardinal Lane water drainage: Property owners were told that, because Cardinal Lane is a private road, the Road Association will need to look into this matter. It appears that there are no culverts in Cardinal Lane. It was suggested that they contact the Land Conservation Dept. and County Engineer.

Discuss/act on Veolia letter: Mike Thun from Veolia was present to explain Veolia's request for added charges which are contrary to the Contract the Town has with them. Martin suggested ways of cutting pulls by using larger dumpsters, and looking into covers for the bins. Martin also stated that the value of scrap metal hauled out to the Center is far greater than when the contract was made. Another option is for another hauler to haul it away free and pay us for it. Martin asked Veolia to come back with some numbers and give the Town numbers on electronic recycling. He also was asked to clarify about plastic grocery bags, and to come up with a new contract presentation.

Discuss/act on alternates for Board of Appeals: Sharon told the Board that there had been two responses to the ads that were placed. The people who contacted her were Mary (Mrs. Scott) TenHaken and Jim Wonser. Motion by Martin, seconded by Dave, that these people be contacted by Don, and offered the positions. Motion carried.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

A . A request by Tom Grunke for a change of zoning from A-2 to A-5 on parcel

(59006073480) of 9.3 acres, located at W1561 DeMaster Road. Non-conforming road frontage is about 134 feet. Plan Commission recommends approval of the rezoning based on the fact that Mr. Gruenke has obtained a variance through his hearing with the Board of Appeals. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to concur with the Plan Commission and grant the request. Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carries.

B. A request by Eugene L. and Verna Oppeneer for a change of zoning and land division, dividing the parent parcel into "Lot 1" of 6.85 acres and "Lot 2" of 26.41 acres. Zoning would change from A-1 to A-5 on "Lot 1" which includes the existing house, barn and sheds. The residual land ("Lot 2") would remain A-1. The parent parcel (59006061480) is located at N2418 County Road GW. Plan Commission recommends approval of the request. Motion by Steve, seconded by Martin, to concur with the Plan Commission and approve the request. Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried.

C. A request by Daniel L. & Jacqueline R. Posthuma, Joshua L. Posthuma, Matthew J. Posthuma for a change of zoning and land division or alternatively, for just a land division. The Board has received a letter from the requestors attorney asking for an extension of one month on this request in order for them to gather more information. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to table this until August. Sharon was asked to provide a full packet on this issue next month.

Discuss/act on well abandonment issue: This well abandonment issue is regarding the test wells that were drilled about 40 years ago in hopes of finding oil. The wells now seem to pose a threat to water wells in the area. The DNR has funds to help with this project. Don has names of a couple of people/organizations that know where these test wells are located. It was suggested that a committee be formed to look into this issue. Craig Droppers will be on the committee.

Discuss/act on progress regarding Hall curtains: Craig has tried to contact Rhonda Meerdink. They have left messages for each other, but have not yet made direct contact. Craig will continue to try and make contact.

Review work being done on Web Site link for Recycling Center information requested by DNR and request for changes in ordinance and handouts: Dave will key in new information on the web site. Martin will work on new info for the Center and try new things. He will talk to Gerry Antoine about this.

Open, Discuss, and take action on bids for Hoftiezer Road: Sharon reported that there was only one bid, that being from Sheboygan County. She handed the sealed bid to Stan who opened it and reported that the County had bid \$94,481.04 on the project. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to accept the County bid reiterating that this was the only bid submitted in response to the bid notices. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

Administration – Steve reported that the attorney believes that the Town is not responsible to spend money on DeMaster Road drainage problem, but the Town Board committee will help to facilitate plans.

Roads – Stan reported that work has begun on the Eernisse Road bridge project.

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – Martin reported that there were some complaints that the ramp is too shallow at Amsterdam Park. Martin also reported that people are dumping into the wrong bins at the recycling center. More help will probably be needed there once electronic items start coming in heavily. He also plans to do more labeling down there.

Public Safety – Dave reported 34 hours by the Sheriff Dept. in June which included reports of gunshots, and also finding an open door on a private business.

Public Input: George VanSluys expressed several concerns. The first was that the speed limit of 45 mph on Smies Road is not being observed. He also stated that the Rail Road tracks on Smies Road are in extremely poor condition which caused an accident recently. The Rail Road is doing nothing about this matter. Discussion revealed that the Hoftiezer Road crossing and Walvoord Road crossing are also in poor shape. Roger TeStroete will check the crossings, and the Town will see if they can do anything to get the Rail Road to do something about this matter. George's third concern was noxious weeds on the Bike Trail by his home and probably in other areas along the trail, as well as the fact that some bikers are crossing the road without checking for traffic. Sharon was asked to contact our weed commissioner about asking the County to work on the weed problem along the Bike Trail.

Discuss/act on Village of Cedar Grove request to renegotiate the Fire Dept. contract.

Discuss/act on Building Permit Fees and Building Inspector Compensation. Motion by Steve, seconded by Martin, to go into closed session on these two agenda items. Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave.-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting into closed session at 9:25 P.M.

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Motion by Stan., seconded by Dave, to come back into open session. Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting back into open session at 9:50 P.M.

Motion by Dave, seconded by Don, to respond to Village of Cedar Grove asking for the proposed changes to the Fire Dept. Contract that they would like and any supporting documentation they have, including the Public Service Commission rate schedule that they have referenced, and state that the Town of Holland is also interested in opening up the agreement covering the Cedar Grove First Responders. Motion carried. Don will draft a letter to the Village. In response to Agenda item 23, regarding the Building Permit fees and Building Inspector compensation, the Board has come to the conclusion that this could be done more efficiently with a small committee meeting with Tom Huenink.

Public Input: Al Claerbaut asked that when the Board goes into closed session and comes out with a motion, that motion should be in writing so that it is stated just as the Board has decided it should be worded and to alleviate problems with the clerk trying to write it down as quickly as the motion is stated. This would also be most helpful whenever there is a long motion made. The Board agreed. Al also stated that he felt Tom Huenink should be compensated for his time because he was asked to be at the past three Town Board meetings, but nothing has been decided at any of these meetings. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to pay Tom a per diem for May, June, and July, as well as the future committee meeting that he will be asked to attend. Motion carried. Sharon Claerbaut reported that she has received two requests for information on how we do things recently. The first was from the Town of Lyndon who feels we have a good recycling center program and ordinance and asked for information about that. The second was from the Town of Grafton stating that we do a good job of billing for fire calls on I-43, and they would like information on how we do that. Steve Jones asked for information on ditch cleaning. Dave Huenink stated that he been questioned about our Road Supervisor spending time at Amsterdam Park. It was stated that this is part of his job, and he is doing many things down there that many would refuse to do including cleaning up disgusting items and cleaning up after vandalism on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Stan asked about the possibility of changing the September meeting date in order to get a better view of expenses for the first three quarters of the year for budget purposes. This possibility, along with budget meeting plans will be put on the August agenda.

Correspondence: All in Packet

Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk