

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, January 11, 2010

The regular meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. 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 and Clerk Sharon Claerbaut.

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

Minutes of the December 14, 2009 regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Public Input: Martin Elmer expressed his disappointment and displeasure with the letter placed in the Lakeshore Weekly by Leslie and Jane TenHaken . He stated that this is not why he moved out here, and doesn't know why people can't do things for themselves rather than expecting the Town to do it for them.

Financial/Treasurer's Reports: Reports were presented by Craig. Craig said that Paul Corson had come to his home in December to check things over before the end of the year. Paul had given a couple of entries for Sharon to make, but now there is a small difference in the clerk/treasurer balance. He will have a final report for December by next month after Paul has started the audit. Sharon said that she had made the entry corrections placing the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. and the Cedar Grove First Responders payments in the correct line items. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: A number of vouchers were added to the list. There is a question pending on the Sheboygan County Highway bill. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve the voucher list with the additions, and pending Roger's answer on the county bill. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: There is still one outstanding bill for a fire dept. call on I-43. We will be getting the Sheriff Dept. report on that soon and will then bill the State of Wisconsin.

Discuss/act on potential action with regard to the cat complaint. The Town attorney, Gerry Antoine, has been consulted, and he has explained that the way to enforce this ordinance is that we

need to be able to clearly identify the animals related to a complaint. He believes that this is not the Town's responsibility. He suggests that the offending animal/animals should be captured by the complaining party and turned over to the Humane Society either themselves or have the Town turn over to Humane Society. Gerry suggests that the believed owner can then be contacted, giving that person a chance to reclaim the animal/animals, but that would then identify the owner of the offending animal, thereby opening the door to enforce the ordinance. Don will draft letters to the complaining party and the suspected animal owner explaining this procedure. He will then send them to Gerry for final approval. Motion to send both of these letters by certified mail to these parties. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Resolution to oppose Dept. of Rev. County Assessment Proposal: The comment was made that the wording should be changed to state 'would likely raise property taxes'. This will be put back on the February agenda.

Discuss/act on abandoned wells issue: This will be put back on the February agenda.

Plan Commission Recommendations: None

Committee Reports:

Administration – John reported that the DNR will accept a phase type of way to deal with the DeMaster Road to Bahr Creek drainage issue. Eric Fehlhaber, with the Sheboygan County Land and Water Conservation Dept., has the capability to proceed with applying for DNR permit. Joel VanEss also has that capability. John will try to set up a meeting with Joel and the property owners involved.

Roads – Stan reviewed Roger's year end Road Report with the Board..

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – Martin reported that there will be an Amsterdam Park Commission meeting next week. Martin also reported that he continues to look for ways to save money at the recycling center, because the compactor was filled in two weeks. Don had planned to register as a collection site, but did not because of some unanswered questions.

Public Safety – Dave reported that there were 38.5 hours by the Sheriff Dept. in December, with four written warnings, and two citations. The call log does not match the Sheriff Dept. call log. Dave also reported that we do not need to go on a month by month basis with the Village of Cedar Grove regarding the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. agreement, because the current agreement is in its last year. It will not expire until December 31, 2010.

Public Input: Stan noted that the Wisconsin Towns Association District meetings are coming up. He would like to attend the one in DePere Martin indicated that he will go to that one also. Sharon was asked to register both of them for that meeting

Correspondence: Everything was included in the packet.

Motion by John, seconded by Martin, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk