

# Town of Holland

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

### Sheboygan County,

### February 8, 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 had 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 was Treasurer Craig Droppers, who took the minutes notes from the early part of the meeting. Clerk, Sharon Claerbaut, had called Don to tell him she would be late due to a death in the extended family. Sharon arrived later in the meeting

Motion by Don, seconded by Stan, to have two items on the agenda moved up because there were people present to give information on these items. Motion carried. These items are Number 12-Discuss/act on the county sign ordinance and the installation of the required signs, and Number 24-Discuss/act on proposed County Sales Tax.

Discuss/act on County sign ordinance and the installation of the required signs. Kris Hughes, Chair of the Town of Lyndon, and Al Steiner, also from the Town of Lyndon, were present They presented what Lyndon is doing with house numbers. They also had supplied a great deal of written information which our Board members have before them in their packets. Don thanked the people from the Town of Lyndon for all their work and sharing it with the Town of Holland. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to have Don write a letter to the County Board Chairman expressing support for the Rural Numbering System County Ordinance. Motion carried. Sign size and other details were then discussed. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to have blue signs with white letters throughout the Township. Most signs will be the small size (18 inches by 6 inches), but the larger signs (20 inches by 8 inches ) will be used for those properties where we are required to show the length of the driveway All properties will be charged the same amount. The Town will pay the extra cost for the larger signs. The signs will specify the Road Name in a minimum of 1.5 inch letters and the House number in a minimum of 3.5 inch letters. Where it is necessary to specify the driveway length, that length number will be in a minimum of one inch letters. The signs will be mounted on galvanized posts. The signs, posts, and hardware will be ordered from Lange. Motion carried. Sharon will call County Planning for all the Town of Holland rural numbers and listing of those driveways 500 feet or longer and the length of those driveways.

Discuss/act on proposed County sales tax. County Board Supervisor, Roger TeStroete, was present to discuss this issue. He said he had voted against this tax stating that he believes this could recreate marginal programs. Roger also told the Board that 65 of the 72 State Counties do collect a sales tax. Don stated that he believes that this is not an incentive to attract people to Sheboygan County, and that a County sales tax is simply a hidden tax. Motion by Martin , seconded by Stan, that the Town of Holland Board does hereby go on record opposing the proposed County Sales Tax. John-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion passed unanimously this 8<sup>th</sup>

day of February 2010. Stan asked that Don draft a letter to this effect, and have it sent to all 34 County Board members.

Minutes of previous meeting addressed for approval. Dave asked that one phrase be added, that being in regard to the Public Safety Committee report. It should read 'Cedar Grove Fire Dept.' log does not match the Sheriff Dept. log. Motion by Dave, seconded by John, to approve the minutes with this addition. Motion carried.

Record retention is up to date.

Public Input – None

Financial/Treasurer's Report: Craig presented the clerk's financial report, but stated that, while everything is very close, since auditor, Paul Corson entered a few journal entries, Craig could not make his report come out perfectly. Paul will be returning soon to complete the audit, so all will be in order after that. Motion by Dave, seconded by Martin, to approve the clerk's financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Sharon presented three more vouchers that had arrived since she did the voucher list. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to approve the voucher list with additions. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: Sharon reported that there was one outstanding Fire Dept. call on I-43 which has been sent to the State, but she is not sure they will pay because no fire actually occurred.

Discuss/act on potential liability issues regarding volunteers at the Recycling Center. The issue was discussed, and Martin was directed to talk to the people involved discussing with them the issues involved and solution.

Plan Commission recommendations: Motion by Martin, seconded by Stan, to concur with Plan Commission and rule that for rezonings out of A-1 and A-3, the conversion fees be collected after the Board gives its conditional approval, the change of zoning being contingent on receipt of the conversion fees. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on possible funding contribution for Interurban Trail from Oostburg to Sheboygan: Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to not make a contribution. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on electronics recycling law and other recycling issues. Don distributed a draft ordinance which contained formerly discussed revisions. This revised draft was discussed, further revised, and will be sent to our Town Attorney, Gerry Antoine, for his review.

Discuss/act on wording for a resolution enabling the Town to bill property owners for fire protection: Discussed the draft resolution from the State Web Site and recommendations as to changes. We will ask Attorney Antoine if this should be an ordinance.

Discuss/act on Resolution to oppose Dept. of Rev. County Assessment Proposal: This issue is nil and void because we have received word that the State has abandoned this idea.

Discuss/act on abandoned wells issue: Craig has been working on this. It will be put back on the agenda next month.

Appoint Salary Committee for Elected Officials: It was stated that there is no need for a committee for this year because no other employees were given raises.

Discuss/act on 2009 Assembly Bill 546 requiring municipalities to post agendas/etc., if they have a web site. The Town Board discussed this issue and want to go on record as apposing this 2009 Assembly Bill 546. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to have Don draft a letter stating that the Board of the Town of Holland opposes the 2009 Assembly Bill 546 and send it to our representatives. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on ordinance regarding 'Distribution of Handbills and Newspapers'. The Town will have a public hearing on this matter, and it will be presented as an ordinance next month.

Discuss/act on Cedar Grove Fire Dept. request to replace Engine 94: Dave distributed an e-mail from Ben Lukens asking the Board to consider this truck, and requesting a joint meeting of the Village of Cedar Grove Board and the Town of Holland Board. Dave also presented a few questions which he and the Village of Cedar Grove want to ask the Fire Dept. More questions were added to the list. Potential dates for this meeting are February 15<sup>th</sup> or February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting will be held at the Cedar Grove Firehouse at 7:30 P.M. Dave will finalize the date for the meeting. The Fire Dept. is also considering purchasing a used Suburban with their own funds. This vehicle would be used to transport to and from training, etc. They also asked if the two Boards involved would consider purchasing insurance and gas for this vehicle. No action was taken on the Suburban issue at this time.

#### Committee Reports:

Administration – John reported that there had been a meeting with the DNR, Joel VanEss, Eric Fehlhaven, and surveyors. They were skeptical of need and benefits of doing the DeMaster Road drainage project. Eric suggests a meeting of land owners all the way to Bahr Creek to see if there is interest in contributing.

Roads – Stan reported on checking various roads and stated that seal coating really does pay in the longevity of blacktop.

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – Martin reported that at the meeting last month the Amsterdam Park Commission had discussed the boat launch. He will set up a joint committee to work on this. The Recycling Center was closed down for about 45 minutes a couple of weeks ago due to a circuit breaker. Martin told them not to close again, but rather to put in the open top until the issue is resolved.

Public Safety – Dave reported 37 hours for the Sheriff Dept. in January. There were 10 warnings and one written citation.

Public Input: It was noted that long time Town Assessor, Carlyle VanDriest, had passed away. Sharon was asked to send an appropriate plant or arrangement for the funeral. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to spend about \$40. Sharon noted that she is running out of proper storage space for items that need to be kept. She was asked to agenda a possible hall remodel to accommodate the storage needs.

Motion by Don, seconded by Martin, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk