

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

March 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 certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll Call showed Stan Lammers, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, and Dave Huenink present from the Town Board. Also present were Treasurer, Craig Droppers, and Clerk, Sharon Claerbaut. John Maul had been excused from attending this meeting because he is on vacation.

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

Minutes of the February 8, 2010 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. The minutes of the Joint meeting between the Village of Cedar Grove Board and the Town of Holland Board which was held February 18, 2010, had also been posted on the web site and presented to the Board. Motion by Dave, seconded by Martin, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 Joint Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Record retention is up to date.

Public Input: Don asked if Tom Huenink was addressing the complaint that the Board had received regarding remodeling projects with the possibility of no permit being requested. Sharon stated that she had informed Tom, and he was checking into it. Stan mentioned the request to the Town of Wilson Board regarding a Muslim Place of Worship to be established in the former Tom's of Wisconsin building. Stan stated that, while there is opposition to this request, his opinion is that this should be allowed because America is a free country in which freedom of worship is guaranteed.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: Craig presented the clerk's financial report, and handed out his report for the months of January and February. Last month there had been a slight difference in the clerk's balance and the treasurer's balance, but Craig reported that auditor Paul Corson had immediately found the difference and that all is balancing now. Motion by Martin, seconded by Stan, to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Sharon reported that the voucher list was complete to date, but that auditor, Paul Corson, had discovered an unpaid balance from 2009 for the Foth company. She was unsure of which bill was the previous balance and which was the current one. Motion by Martin, seconded by Dave, to approve the voucher list with the condition that Sharon first check on these two bills before paying them. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: Sharon reported that the Fire Dept. billing for an I-43 accident has been paid by the State. Roger had given her two items to bill out concerning the Cardinal Lane improvement, and an accident damage bill. The Cardinal Lane bill has been paid, but she will bill out the other damage claim. This is the only outstanding bill at this time.

Discuss/act on fireworks permit request by John Dickmann and Claus Weingaertmer: Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to grant this request. Motion carried. This request has been submitted on an old form. Sharon was asked to use the new form in issuing the permit and to include new permit request forms with the mailed permit.

Set dates for Board of Review and Open Book: Grota Appraisals suggests Open Book-Monday, May 3, 2010 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., and the Board of Review-Thursday, June 3, 2010, from 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to set the Open Book and Board of Review for 2010 as suggested by Grota Appraisals and written in the agenda. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Wisconsin Town's Association District Meeting: Stan and Martin had attended the session held in DePere and briefly reported on the meeting. The morning session had included training for the Board of review, and both Stan and Martin had received certification for another two years. They are not requesting any meeting or mileage reimbursement.

Appoint clerk, treasurer, deputy clerk, deputy treasurer for one year term: Motion by Don to reappoint Sharon Claerbaut as clerk, Craig Droppers as treasurer, Allan Claerbaut as deputy clerk, and Susan Droppers as deputy treasurer for another one year term. Motion seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Appoint Weed Commissioner for one year term: Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to appoint Mike Kuffel to another one year term as weed commissioner on the condition that he will accept the appointment. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on land rental contract for 2011 and beyond: Stan suggest that this be put out on bids for the next contract. Sharon was asked to supply the current contract, and put this item on the agenda for next month again.

Discuss/act on procedure for replacement of rural numbering signs and hiring temporary people to help put up the signs: Stan and Roger TeStroete are working on this issue. Stan stated that he will be glad to donate some time to this, but does not have enough time to do all of the work involved. Sharon said that Allan Claerbaut would be interested in working on the project of checking the roads and numbers. Al will be hired to help Roger get the leg work and paper work ready for the ordering of the signs. This should be done by April 1st. Stan pointed out some issues as far as placement of signs, what to do about existing signs, etc. The Board agreed that the existing signs should be pulled from the ground, but left for the landowner. The goal is to get the new signs in place by September 1st, which is well before the deadline.

Discuss/act on ordinance regarding 'Distribution of Handbills and Newspapers': This issue had been discussed at the Public Hearing which preceded this meeting, but the Board decided that there should be a clause added or a reference made to a fine for disobeying this ordinance. They decided that the fine should be not less than \$50 or more that \$200. Sharon was asked to contact Attorney Gerry Antoine about this matter and have him revise the ordinance accordingly. This will be back on the agenda next month.

Discuss/act on low limit credit card for Town: Oostburg Bank would issue a credit card with no yearly fee, and no fees at all if the card balance was paid in full within a month after any charges were billed. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to obtain a credit card with a \$1,500 limit for the clerk and a \$500 limit for the road supervisor. Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on abandoned wells issue: Craig is working on this issue. He had gone to the Plymouth DNR and met with Jerry Collins. He gathered information on wells that were drilled and wells that were abandoned. Lowell Kappers has dropped off articles about test wells drilled in the 1950's. This will be on the agenda again next month.

Discuss/act on possible remodel due to need for more room to store records at the hall: Sharon explained that she has many records at her home that are filling her files and cupboards, and would like to bring some of those things to the hall, however the fireproof file at the hall is filling up quickly, and she needs more storage space. Al could remove the current cupboard in the hall that holds the voting machine and put that machine in another existing cupboard. This would create room for another file or two. Sharon was instructed to look online for another fire proof file and/or a regular file.

Plan Commission Recommendations – None

Discuss/act on final copy of letter to County Supervisors regarding our opposition to County Sales Tax: Don had been asked to draft this letter at the last meeting. All Board members present approved the wording of the letter to County Supervisors and signed the letter. Sharon will mail to each individual County Board member before the vote which will take place on March 16th.

Discuss/act on wind turbine issues: There was a brief discussion about communication from Uriel about potential wind turbines in the Town of Holland.

Committee Reports:

Administration –None

Roads – Stan reported that two road projects for this year will have to be put out on bids.

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – Martin reported that the agenda is out for the next Amsterdam Park Commission meeting which will be held on April 19th. He reported that he has transferred all Amsterdam Park funds from National Exchange Bank to the Oostburg State Bank. Martin also reported that he believes

that the Town of Holland should be only a collector of electronic waste, because then we only have to fill out one report a year. If you go any higher than that, you must fill out two reports a year. Scott from Veolia has told Martin that they are planning to put a special program in place to handle and haul this waste. Martin also said that we may need an extra person to work at the recycling center for this purpose, but we could work it that electronics would only be accepted during certain months, once a month, or certain hours to cut back on time that extra help is needed. We will need to inform the public about these matters.

Public Safety – Dave reported 34 hours for the Sheriff Dept. in February. Dave had nothing to report from Oostburg Fire Dept. He stated that the joint meeting with Cedar Grove had gone very well, and he believes that we are all pretty much in agreement about the issues discussed there. We should probably look for better structure in future meetings.

Discuss/act on Cedar Grove Fire Dept. agreement and /or requests by the Fire Dept. for consideration of replacing Engine 94 and funding of insurance and fuel for a transport Suburban the Dept. is considering purchasing with their own funds: News on that is that this past Saturday some members of the Fire Dept. and Mark Post from the Cedar Grove Village Board Public Safety Committee went to look at the truck that is being considered for purchase from Sheboygan. The truck is not in excellent shape. Some repairs that are needed have not been done. It was pointed out that the limit is \$70,000 for the truck and \$15,000 for improvements/repairs. Anything else that is needed would have to be raised by the Fire Dept. The City of Sheboygan is planning to put the truck out for sealed bids with the right to refuse any bids. The Board also addressed the issue of insurance and fuel for the multi passenger Suburban that the Fire Dept. would like to buy. It was stated that if they expect the Village and Town to pay for this they need to have solid numbers before anything can be done. The 100th anniversary of the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. will be put on the agenda next month.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: Sharon presented the Countywide Library Service Memo which is printed on paper to dark to duplicate.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk