

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

July 9, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. on June 11, 2012. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Becker. The Chairman certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll Call showed Steve Jones, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, and Dave Huenink present from the Town Board. Stan Lammers arrived a few minutes later. Also present were Treasurer, Craig Droppers, and Clerk, Sharon Claerbaut.

Adopt Agenda as official order of business. Don asked that item #14 on the agenda be moved to #8a in light of the fact that item 14 is 'Discuss/act on wind farm issue/possible effort with Town of Sherman', and many people were present to speak on this issue during item #6 on the agenda which is 'Public Input'. Motion by Marty, seconded by Steve, to adopt the agenda as the official order of business with that change. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 11, 2012, regular Board Meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Steve, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up to date.

Public Input: Knowing that many of the people present were there to express their concerns with the proposed Windy Acres Wind Farm which would place wind turbines in the Town of Sherman west of Hwy CC and use an existing sub station in the Town of Holland, Chairman Don Becker introduced Bill Goehring, Chairman of the Town of Sherman. Chairman Goehring was asked to give a brief outline of what has transpired to this point in time. He stated that there is a great deal of concern and objection to the development of a wind farm in that area, and that the Town of Sherman has hired an Attorney from the Fond du Lac area to work with them in developing an ordinance. They are hoping to pass an ordinance in late August or early September. He also stated that the Town of Sherman would like to work with the Town of Holland in this effort and agreed to answer any questions that he could.

Lori Werner then addressed the issue, and asked if the Town could do anything or if the State is in charge. Chairman Becker stated that the Town cannot be stricter than the State, but could possibly make an impact with an ordinance. He also encouraged the public to contact their legislators.

Jerry Keller said that the State is currently giving subsidies to wind farms, but expressed concern that if and when these subsidies end, the wind farms will not be able to sustain themselves and they

may turn into 'junk yards'. He also expressed concern that this is not the right area to place a wind farm because of the relative density of homes in the surrounding area. Bill Smucker stated that a wind farm will destroy property values near the proposed area. Oriannah Paul from the Oostburg area stated that, contrary to popular belief, Glenn Grothman and Dan LeMahieu are not in favor of the wind farm. James Kneprath circulated copies of an article about health risks due to wind farms. Charlie Wieley stated that he was led to believe that Towns' hands are tied, but asked that the Towns please look into it in every way possible.

It was noted that the intent of Windy Acres seems to be to eventually get turbines into open fields in the Town of Holland in that area as well. Mike Czysh said that he had attended the Calumet County Fair and had gathered information. He is totally against the wind farm saying that the Bald Eagles population will also be severely affected, and that these wind farms are all about profits of the one or more land owners involved. Chairman Don Becker assured those gathered that he was opposed to the wind farm. James Kneprath suggested that all four Townships in the area need to be involved. Bill Goehring said that the Town of Sherman would like to work with the Town of Holland and any others that want to be involved. Steve Jones expressed surprise that Wisconsin Towns Association does not have any more information on this subject.

The Town Board suggested that we start with our Administrative Committee researching information, and asked Mr. Goehring who our committee should work with at the Town of Sherman. Motion by Don Becker, seconded by Dave Huenink, to authorize the Administrative Committee to coordinate all efforts with adjoining Townships regarding Windy Acres Wind Farm, including efforts to develop an ordinance. Dave-Yes, Marty-Yes, Stan-Yes, Steve-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: The financial reports were presented by Craig. There were a couple of questions as to amounts in certain line items. Sharon will check out these items and let the Board know. Motion by Steve, seconded by Dave, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: One voucher was added to the list. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to approve the voucher list with the addition. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: There are no outstanding road items, but Sharon asked questions on billing back to requestors certain services provided by Foth Infrastructure and the Town's attorney regarding zoning change requests and CUP's.

Set tentative timeline for budget activities: It was decided to meet on September 17th at 7:30 P.M. for preliminary work on the budget for 2013.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

- A. A request by Mike and Amy Kuffel for a change of zoning from A-1 to A-2. The Kuffel's A-2 parcel will be enlarged by six acres via a boundary line shift between the Kuffel parcel and the adjacent A-1 zoned parcel to the east. The property is located at W1778 West VanEss Road, Oostburg. Plan Commission recommends the change of zoning from A-1 to A-2. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to concur with the Plan Commission and grant the requested change of zoning. Marty-Yes, Don-Yes, Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried.
- B. A request by Kevin Claerbaut and Jon Arentsen for a change of zoning from A-1 to A-2. The property is located on Smies Road. Plan Commission recommends the change of zoning from A-1 to A-2 with the revised conditions and with verification from the applicant's attorney that the Smies Road property purchase was finished. All terms have not yet been met. Motion by Dave, seconded by Marty, to take no action. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on internet service for Town Buildings: Don reported on options, but said they are still waiting for details. Motion by Stan, seconded Marty, for Don and Dave to research and obtain internet access for the two Town buildings. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on equipment and services for Town staff: There was discussion on the equipment needed for the Plan Commission clerk. Dave had checked out options. Motion by Don, seconded by Stan, to concur with Dave to go with AT&T for a 900 minute plan and that it be a Town account as opposed to individual account, to authorize Dave to choose the phone, authorize an update to Microsoft Office 2010, and upgrade the operating system for the PC clerk to Windows 7. Motion carried. Motion by Don, seconded by Dave, to replace the Town clerk's computer with a work station operating on Windows 7, Acrobat X and Office 2010, to restrict use of the new computer exclusively to town business, and to give the Town clerk the option of taking ownership of the old computer for personal use. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Hall rental fees: There was a copy of a neighboring Township's plan for rental fees. It was decided to do more work on this issue and place it in 'Ongoing Issues' for next month.

Ongoing Issues

- A. Proof of Concept System for Town of Holland record keeping. Nothing to report.
- B. CG Services issues. All payment must be made ahead of time.
- C. Web site link about Recycling Center news. Nothing to report.
- D. RR Crossing Issues. A letter was drafted by Attorney Gerry Antoine to request a hearing.
- E. Right-of-way encroachment/Walvoord Berry Farm. Nothing to report.
- F. Parkland Fund Money Usage Plan. There is a representative from a catalog company coming to present options. Marty had asked for a plan between \$15,000 and \$20,000.
- G. VALUE program regarding electronics recycling issues. Judi O'Connell will do the registration again, and this issue can be removed from further consideration.

- H. Chad Peters' request-Submittal of suitable CSM no later than June 11. Chad has submitted his CSM, Don signed it, and now it will go to the County.
- I. Recognition plaques for town officials service. Marty presented a copy of the document. Some revisions were suggested, and Marty will bring back next month.
- J. Eagle Scout project to replace voting booths. A recognition/thank you has been issued in the Lakeshore Weekly and The Sounder. Sharon will send William Paulus a copy of that notice and a Thank You note. This issue is now closed.

Committee Reports:

Administration – Nothing to report

Roads – Stan reported on a culvert east of Oostburg on which they were an extension. The DNR instead made suggestions that will improve water flow and will be less expensive. Stan further reported that the Six Mile Road project from County G to County D is completed. He also said that Roger has started looking for unlicensed vehicles.

Parks & Property – Marty reported that work is being done at the Recycling Center and there are barrels for aluminum cans. As far as Amsterdam Park is concerned, the sandbar has moved in so far that they are bringing in a tractor to dredge it out.

Public Safety – Dave reported 39.5 hours for the Sheriff's Department in June. Nothing unusual had happened.

Public Input: Sharon reported that the notice had arrived requiring the Hall septic tank to be pumped again. She will give that notice to Roger. Sharon also handed over the CD of the revised Ordinance Code from General Code .

Correspondence: All in the packet.

Adjourn: Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk