

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

August 13, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. on August 13, 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, Stanley Lammers, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, and Dave Huenink present from the Town Board. Also present were Treasurer, Craig Droppers, and Clerk, Sharon Claerbaut.

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

Minutes of the July 9, 2012, regular Board Meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Steve, seconded by Marty, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up to date.

Public Input: Sharon reported that several people have requested that recycling information be placed on the web site.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: The financial reports were presented by Craig. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: A couple of vouchers were added to the list. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to approve the voucher list with the additions. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: Sharon reported that Classy Woods paid their bill. There is still money due from CG Services.

Plan Commission Recommendations: None

Discuss/act on Windy Acres wind farm.

- A. Steve Jones bringing the Town Board up to date since the last board meeting. Steve reported that Don, Stan, and Steve had met with the Town of Sherman Board on July 18th. Then on July 24th there was a public information meeting which Stan, Marty, and Steve attended. The Town of Sherman has hired Attorney Matt Parmentier to work with them on this issue. This

- attorney has a history of working with the Public Service Commission. Steve also said that the P.S.C 128 dealing this the issue of wind farms went into effect in March 2012
- B. Possibly adopt a resolution to do a joint application review with the Town of Sherman. The Towns can adopt an ordinance but within the guidelines of P.S.C. The ordinance can be as restrictive, but not more so. The Town can also do a joint application review with the Town of Sherman. Steve recommends that this be done when we see the application. The pre application was filed approximately June 1st. If the developer files the application in 90 days we must pass an ordinance by January 1, 2013. We must pass it, publish it, and the day after publication it would be affective. As far as cost is concerned, we are in the pre application stage. The Town of Sherman has paid \$5,719.50, and Steve suggests that we pay one half of that. Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to adopt the resolution number 2-2012 entitled 'Resolution Authorizing Joint Wind Energy System Application Review'. Marty recused from voting. Dave-Yes, Don-No, Stan-Yes, Steve-Yes. Motion carried.
- C. Approve the hiring of Attorney Matthew Parmentier as Special Counsel to the Town of Holland concerning Windy Acres Wind Farm. Motion by Steve, seconded by Don, to hire Attorney Matthew Parentier as Special Counsel to the Town of Holland concerning Windy Acres Wind Farm. Marty recused. Steve-Yes, Dave-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss costs as presented by Steve Jones. Motion by Steve, seconded by Dave, to split the costs with the Town of Sherman. Marty recused. Steve-Yes, Dave-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried. Steve further mentioned that he has had conversations with Jamie Rybarczyk of Foth Infrastructures and Tom Jordan who is a wind energy specialist. They indicated that wind turbines do cause problems with flicker and noise.

Discuss/act on the need for either a resolution or an ordinance that would allow the Town of Holland to declare a burn ban due to drought conditions. Don will research this issue and bring it back.

Discuss/act on internet service for Town Buildings. Don has looked into a couple of things and feels that a 'Hot Spot' system would be best. This can be used by up to five people with a cost of \$25 per month. We would use one for the Town Hall and one for Town Shed. The next step would be to have Patheon Consulting install the new email account for Roger. Motion by Stan, seconded by Marty, to pay the cost of internet services and email for Town Buildings, and to have Patheon install. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on proposal for Playground equipment for the Hall Park: Marty introduced Paul Zeller from Miller and Associates. Paul explained that all their Playground equipment is made in Fond du Lac with parts made at Dutchland Plastics in Oostburg. He also presented beautiful posters showing various playground equipment designs and swing sets for children 2 to 12 years of age, and explained differences in safety and cost of various loose fill materials. Motion by Marty, seconded by Steve, to purchase the number three design for pick up this year. Don-Yes, Steve-Yes, Dave-Yes, Stan-Yes, Marty-Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on letter from Sheb. Co. Sheriff regarding 'Request for Review of Hazard Mitigation Materials': Stan will follow up on this and let them know by the August 31st deadline.

Discuss/act on Ongoing Issues:

- A. Proof of Concept System for Town of Holland Record Keeping. Nothing to report
- B. CG Services Issues. Have not heard anything. They have not filed the Sauk Trail Rd. material with the Register of Deeds, and have not yet purchased the Smies Rd. property. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, that any and all legal action determined by Attorney Antione be posted against CG Services for their impending violations. Stan-Yes, Marty-Yes, Steve-Yes, Dave-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

At this point Don allowed public input by Jerry Keller to speak on the wind farm issue. He said that Glenn Grothman stated that large utilities did not know about this particular wind farm request. He also stated that these wind farms are not sustainable.

- C. Web site link about Recycling Center news; Nothing to report.
- D. RR Crossing Issues. Attorney Antoine has been in contact with Roger TeStroete About the upcoming meeting on September 12, 2012. He had told Roger that they will need pictures of the various RR Crossing in question as proof of their poor condition.
- E. Right-of-way encroachment/Walvoord Berry Farm. The owner seems to be ignoring the issue. Options were discussed.
- F. Chad Peters' request- Submittal of suitable CSM no later than June 11. Not submitted.
- G. Recognition plaques for town officials service. Marty had reworded the future inscription and submitted it.
- H. Town Hall rental agreement and rental fee. Proposed rental agreement was presented for review and action next month.
- I. Internet service for Town Buildings. Was already addressed. Can be removed from ongoing issues.

Committee Reports:

Administration – Steve questioned the affects that will be used on wind farm issues

Roads – Stan reported that everything is going smooth.

Parks & Property – Marty reported that the new configuration at the recycling center is working out well. There have been good comments. A sign has been put up stating that assistance will be provided if requested.

Public Safety – Dave reported 39.5 hours for the Sheriff's Department in July.

Public Input: Dave reported that the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance was worked on and had been almost ready to go, but the State had delayed it. Now it is ready to go with an open house probably sometime in September, then a Public Hearing, Committee review, and probably take effect in early January.

Correspondence: All in the packet.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk