

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

October 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 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Becker. The Clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll Call showed Don Becker, Marty Elmer, and Dave Huenink present from the Town Board. Supervisor Stan Lammers had called Don to report that he would be a little late. He arrived shortly after the meeting started. Supervisor John Maul was absent from the meeting. Also present were Treasurer, Craig Droppers, and Clerk, Sharon Claerbaut.

Adopt Agenda as official order of business: Don asked that items 13 and 14 be switched on the agenda because Shawn Bartels from Rural Mutual Insurance was present at the meeting to answer questions on their proposal. Motion by Dave, seconded by Marty, to adopt the agenda with items 13 and 14 being switched, as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 10, 2010 regular Board Meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Marty, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Record retention is up to date.

Public Input: Sharon asked if, because we are registered as an official collection site at the Recycling Center, we can still restrict our collection of e-waste to our Town residents and property owners. She has been receiving calls addressing that question. The answer is yes, we can still restrict our collection to Town residents, but Don feels that we could work with other municipalities, and callers should be told to contact their respective municipalities to see if there is interest in this. Sharon also brought up the fact that she is receiving many requests for absentee ballots where the request is drafted by the Republican Party and attached to propaganda berating opposing candidates and then sent to voters to be mailed in for absentee ballots. She has contacted the Government Accountability Board, who have set many rules regarding voting places and equipment, and was told that this practice is legal but unethical. People should contact their legislators if they would like to see changes in this practice.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: The financial reports were presented by Craig. There were several questions regarding items that seemed to be over budget or under budget. Sharon will check if there have been entry errors in certain budget items. Motion by Dave, seconded by Marty, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

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

Accounts Receivable: There are none at the present time.

Plan Commission recommendations: None

Discuss/act on insurance proposals: Don stated that all proposals were less than last year. Rural Insurance is endorsed by Wisconsin Town's Association. Shawn Bartels of Rural Insurance was present to answer any questions the Board had. Motion by Marty, seconded by Stan, to have Rural Insurance be our insurance carrier for the year 2011. Dave-Yes, Marty-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes. Motion carried

Discuss/act on proposals, identify if any additional information is needed to make a decision, and, if appropriate, make a decision regarding which assessor firm will provide services to the Town of Holland in 2011: Don gave a report on the three proposals that had been submitted by Grota Appraisal, Associated Appraisal, and Accurate Appraisal. There was some discussion on the various proposals and the companies from which they came regarding price, length of time the company has been in business, size of company, etc. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to hire Associated Appraisal for one year with an option for three additional years on condition that they do web listings for each of the Town's parcels. Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Marty-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on insurance issues as they pertain to the Town, Amsterdam Park, and Fire Departments: This has already been covered.

Discuss/act on DeMaster Road drainage issue: We got nothing back after the meeting with land owners. This will come back on the agenda next month.

Discuss/act on structures that were built in road right-of-way at end of Stokdyk-Ingelse Road: Stan had called Town Huenink who was going to check with the County to see if a permit was issued for that structure. This will be back on the agenda next month.

Address prevailing wage document regarding DeWitt Road blacktopping project: Only Roger needs to sign this document.

Discuss/act on Recycling Center contract: Mike Thun was present from Veolia to answer questions that the Board had on the contract and seeming price discrepancies with other municipalities. Mike explained that some of the difference in contract rates has to do with difference in distance from Veolia's station. The Board now has a better understanding of rates. Motion by Marty, seconded by Stan, to go ahead with a one year contract with Veolia with options for years two and three, and a renegotiation if fuel goes to \$5.00 or more per gallon. Marty-Yes, Stan-Yes, Dave-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

Review 2011 Budget and review levy limits: The Town is well within the State limits for increase in levy. Motion by Stan, seconded by Don, to present the proposed Budget and Levy to the electors at a public hearing to be held on at 7:00 P.M., November 8, 2010. Motion carried. This meeting will take place just prior to the regular Board meeting, and Sharon will properly publish and post the Budget Summary/Hearing notice.

Discuss/act on Cedar Grove Fire Dept. Agreement: We are on record as accepting the agreement. We are waiting to hear the final word from the Village of Cedar Grove.

Committee Reports:

Administration – Nothing to report.

Roads – Stan reported that they did the prevailing wage document. Most work is completed

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – Marty reported that the next meeting of the Amsterdam Park Commission will be next Monday, October 18. The Recycling Center trash is down quite a bit. Two parties want to bid on metal. He has the Kaiser bid already, but not the other one yet. Ryan Tackes was present at the meeting and asked several questions about the dumping of trash and registered a complaint about an attendant at the center.

Public Safety – Dave reported 36.5 hours for the Sheriff's Dept. in September with 11 written warnings and seven citations. An officer assisted the drug unit with the removal of a large marijuana grow east of Cedar Grove.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: All included in the packet.

Adjourn: Motion by Stan, seconded by Marty, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M..

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk