

# Town of Holland

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

### Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

#### July 8, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. on July 8, 2013. 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 June 10, 2013 regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Dave, seconded by Marty, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up to date.

Public Input: None

Financial/Treasurer's Report: The financial reports were presented by Craig. Craig reported that we have been reimbursed for expenses incurred due to the Windy Acres issue. Sharon was asked to check a few items that seemed to be high on budget so far this year. She will do so and report back to the Board. Motion by Steve, seconded by Dave, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Motion by Marty, seconded by Stan, to approve the voucher list. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: None.

Plan Commission Recommendations: None

Discuss/act on incremental costs for an application due to a Plan Commission change in approach: The Board decided to absorb the cost for the CUP.

Set tentative timeline for budget activities: The Board chose September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 P.M. as the first night to work on budget plans. They will recheck it at the October regular Board meeting, and then meet again on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. if needed.

Discuss/act on review of the designated farmland preservation area map: It was reported that County Planning and the Town have minor adjustments to make. If a property is designated as farmland in a transitional area the State will not pay farmland preservation on it. Don showed maps of the Township showing the transitional areas. Land owners in those areas can be sent letters by Certified Mail informing them that they can opt out of the transitional area and continue to receive farmland preservation payments, but if they do so and later wish to rezone and develop that land they will have to follow many steps to accomplish that goal. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to send these letters to all A-1 and A-3 land owners in those areas, and that the letters be sent by Certified Mail. Motion carried.

#### Discuss/act on the Following Ongoing Issues

- A. Proof of Concept System for Town of Holland Record Keeping. Nothing to report.
- B. Web site link about Recycling Center news. Nothing to report.
- C. RR Crossing Issues. The RR crossing work has been completed by the RR, so the issue can be dropped from the agenda.
- D. Address expenses for CG Services. This issue can be dropped from the agenda.
- E. Windy Acres Wind Farm. Windy Acres is not actively pursuing their request, but could bring it back in the future. Steve has spoken with someone who suggested that we could possibly pass a resolution that would require a new application from Windy Acres if they did not act on the current one for more than a year. More information will be gathered.
- F. Hall Rental Contract Issues. This can be taken off of the agenda.
- G. Snow Blower for the Town Hall. None are available at this time of year so this will be pursued in the fall.
- H. Fire Protection Services agreement as it pertains to Oostburg Fire Dept. This issue is waiting for the next Fire Partners meeting.

#### Committee Reports:

Administration – Nothing to report

Roads – Stan reported that they are ready to blacktop in Wittwood Subdivision and the Recycling Center driveway. Marty asked if we could look into making the driveway a road for State aid.

Parks & Property –Marty reported that the ramp had been put in at Amsterdam beach last month and that he put up a locked drop box for daily stickers.

Public Safety – Dave reported that there were 25 hours for the Sheriff's Dept. in June with four written warnings and four citations. The Sheriff's Dept. is concentrating on Amsterdam Park per the Board's request.

Public Input: Laurie Werner asked what an ordinance or resolution about wind farms means, and was told that Windy Acres would have to start over with a new application. Laurie also stated that the County government will research what roll the County can play in protecting people from wind farms.

Correspondence: Sharon handed out Wisconsin Towns Association membership cards. She also handed out copies of a petition by Jake and Kate Ratajezak to annex their property to the Village of Oostburg. This does not need any action because the Town has no recourse if the Village is willing to accept the request. Sharon also mentioned the pending application by Jeff Ternes/Eldon Mondlock for a variance. They had decided not to pursue this any further at this time because of questions regarding farmland preservation. She was told to return the application stating 'by your request' we are returning your check and application form.

Adjourn: Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk