

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

September 9, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. on September 9, 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 Stanley Lammers, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, and Dave Huenink present from the Town Board. Also present were Treasurer, Craig Droppers, and Clerk, Sharon Claerbaut. Steve Jones was absent from this meeting.

Adopt Agenda as official order of business: Don asked that item 13 on the agenda be placed before item 6. Motion by Dave, seconded by Marty, to adopt the agenda with the one change as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Dept. representative present to exchange information. Captain Cory Roesler, who has been with the Sheriff's Dept. for 24 years, was present. He stated that Contract rates will not go up at this time. He also said that the department wants to know what the Board and the people want during the contract hours. Captain Roesler said that currently the department is working very hard on the Heroin issue which has become a huge problem in the County. He said that most robberies and burglaries are due to people seeking a way to support their heroin addiction. There was also some discussion on cars passing farm machinery on yellow lines.

Minutes of the August 12, 2013 regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Dave asked for two word changes in the minutes. Motion by Dave, seconded by Marty, to approve the minutes with the corrections. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up to date.

Public Input: None

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

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

Accounts Receivable: None.

Plan Commission Recommendations: None

Discuss/act on complaint by neighbors of neglected property: Several neighbors were present to comment on the situation. They had turned in complaint forms, and Don along with Roger TeStroete had taken a ride to check roads for repair needs and also to view this property in question. Don stated that this property is indeed rundown and has trash in the yard. Don spoke with Attorney Gerry Antoine. They believe this property represents violations to both our ordinance on property maintenance, and our ordinance on nuisances. The Board will start with contacting Tom Huenink who can inspect the property from outside of the property lines. The neighbors who were present gave their permission for Tom to use their property as inspection points. The Town will have Attorney draft a letter, which will be sent by certified mail, informing the property owner that he has ten days to clean up the property or be subject to a \$100 per day fine for violations. The attorney will draft the letter and Tom Huenink will sign it. The Town would need a warrant to enter the property. Don will contact Tom Huenink about this issue.

Steve Klock, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, present to give a short presentation regarding the role of this office, volunteer programs, and ways to get invasive species control programs going. Mr. Klock handed out materials showing the various invasive weeds that the organization is trying to control, and informed the Board of the volunteer program he is trying to organize to fight these weeds.

Acknowledgment of the annexation of a 1.57 acre parcel to the Village of Oostburg. The Village of Oostburg has forwarded all paperwork showing that this property located on Holland-Lima Road at Oostburg has been annexed to the Village of Oostburg.

Review/approve Town of Holland Farmland Preservation Map. Don showed everyone the map detailing the proposed Farmland Preservation plan. Motion by Dave, seconded by Marty, to submit the Farmland Preservation Map as presented to Sheboygan County Planning Department. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on the following ongoing issues.

- A. Proof of Concept Systems for Town of Holland Record Keeping – Nothing to report.
- B. Web site link about Recycling Center news – Nothing to report.
- C. Windy Acres Wind Farm – Nothing to report.
- D. Snow Blower for the Town Hall – Nothing to report.
- E. Fire Protection Services agreement as it pertains to Oostburg Fire Dept. – Of the four fire partners, Town of Wilson had raised concerns about their involvement and expense portion. The other three partners prefer to keep everything as it is, but are open to working on an agreement. The Town of Wilson had held a Special Board

meeting where a motion had been made to withdraw from the Fire Partners. That motion had been tabled. Town of Wilson expressed desire to rely on Mutual Aid for a portion of their protection, but it was highly questioned if they can do that. There will be another meeting of the Fire Partners next Wednesday.

Committee Reports

Administration – No report

Roads – Stan reported that they had a Roads Committee meeting, and that the roads budget may need to be raised extremely in order to keep up with needed road repairs.

Parks & Property – Marty reported that all is going well at the Recycling Center, but someone scraped a couple of spots on the new blacktop. He also reported that the old ramps are still at Amsterdam Park.

Public Safety – Dave reported 28 hours for the Sheriff’s Dept. in August. There were seven written warnings and four tickets issued. There had been a false robbery alarm at Hy-Way Transit. There were a couple of questions about the new tanker truck expense.

Public Input: Don rode around with Roger to inspect road improvement needs and other issues. Abacus has not responded to Roger’s request to bury their line deeper for road improvement purposes. Don will contact them. Don also reported that we can increase our levy more because we are under a population of 3,000. A couple of concerns were brought up. One was ‘Who removes dead animals from properties?’ Roger will do it from roads, but not from private properties. The other concern was that currently some checks for fees are made out to the person collecting the fee. This will be on the agenda next month because the feeling was that all checks should be made out to the Town of Holland.

Discuss/act on employee compensation for all non-elected employees for 2014. The Board may go into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)c Wis. Stats. to consider these issues, and will reconvene to take appropriate action. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to go into closed session per agenda. Dave-Yes, Marty-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting into closed session at 9:15 P.M.

Motion by Stan , seconded by Marty, to come back into open session. Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Marty-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting back into open session at 10:10 P.M. Motion by Stan, seconded by Marty, to increase salaries per notations on the salary sheet with the exception of the Plan Commission Clerk. Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Marty-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Don, seconded by Stan, to pay Plan Commission Clerk \$275 per month and \$13.25 per hour for any extra work required. Dave recused from vote. Marty-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: A letter was drafted by Attorney Antoine to Heidi Hida regarding her request for a public hearing due to a lake access issue. This does not qualify for a hearing. If she insists, the Board of Appeals will hear this, but our Town Attorney will be present. There is really nothing the Town can do about this issue.

Adjourn: Motion by Marty, seconded by Stan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk