

# Town of Holland

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

### Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

#### October 14, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. on October 14, 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 was clerk, Sharon Claerbaut. Treasurer, Craig Droppers, arrived later in the meeting.

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

Minutes of the September 9, 2013 regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Marty, seconded by Stan, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up to date.

Public Input: Craig Droppers expressed his concern for the safety of farmers and the public in general if rifles are allowed for deer hunting in the Town of Holland as has been allowed by a recent DNR ruling. He asked the Board to make an ordinance prohibiting the use of rifles during that season.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: The report had been distributed as usual. The Board asked Sharon to transfer some entries from the 'Miscellaneous' income to other categories. Motion by Steve, seconded by Dave, to approve the financial reports. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Dave asked Sharon to add a voucher in the amount of \$15,000.00 as an estimate of the quarterly payment to the Village of Cedar Grove for the Cedar Grove Fire Department agreement. Motion by Stan, seconded by Marty, to approve the voucher list with the addition. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: None.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

- A. Adopt the proposed changes to Article 13 of the Town Code relating to Communication Towers to be consistent with the State & Federal Statutes: Dave presented several pages of changes that must be made regarding communication

towers in order to match federal statutes. The State has also gotten involved and has further striped Townships of any of their own regulations regarding this matter. Motion by Dave, seconded Marty, to send the draft of Article 13 revisions to the Town Attorney, have him review and prepare the ordinance as a revision to the Town Code. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on ordinance regarding the Board's right to establish qualifications for employment for the Township: Motion by Marty, seconded by Don, to adopt an ordinance entitled 'Ordinance Amending # 63-12 of the Code of the Town of Holland, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin' which would become Ordinance #8-2013. Dave-Yes, Marty-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes, Steve-Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on 2014 proposed budget: Don has inserted the latest available figures on Transportation Aid, and inserted \$320,000 for Road improvements Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to go forward with the 2014 budget showing a 6.8 % increase. Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Marty-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. There will be a public hearing on this budget on November 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. followed by a Special Meeting of the Town Electors to adopt the Roads Budget for 2014.

Discuss/act on Long Range Financial Plan: Steve and Stan will take the lead in asking contractors to give us concepts in building's needs, and the time of the public meetings for the Long Range Financial Plan.

Discuss/act on Building Inspector compensation for extra work requirements: Tom Huenink has reported five extra hours and forty-eight miles for a case he has worked on. Motion by Dave, seconded by Steve, to set a pay rate of \$12.90 per hour for hours worked in 2013, and any extra hours worked after January 1, 2014 would be paid at the rate of \$13.25. Motion carried. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve five extra hours and forty-eight miles for Tom Huenink. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on procedure for issuing receipts for checks received by Town Employees for fees collected: Sharon was asked to call Paul Corson and Wisconsin Towns Association about a standardized system of Receipts for all areas of collection. This will be back on the agenda next month.

Discuss/act on Sheboygan Area Salvation Army charity bike ride using Town Hall parking lot & restrooms: Motion by Dave, seconded by Steve, to allow free use of the parking lot & restrooms on July 12, 2014. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Insurance carrier for the upcoming insurance year: Rural Insurance has been our insurance carrier for a number of years, and this was the only company to provide information on the upcoming insurance year. Sharon was asked to have our agent, Dan Push, contact Roger TreStroete to be sure all equipment is properly insured.

Discuss/act on Nyhof Proposal for snow removal: Motion by Stan, seconded by Don, to approve contract with Nyhof Aluminum and Gutter for the upcoming winter.

Discuss/act on DNR ruling regarding the use of rifles for deer season: There was discussion on the untimely ruling by the DNR, and the excessive danger of using rifles in this more populated area. Motion by Steve, seconded by Don, to have our attorney draft an ordinance similar to the 2012 and prior years DNR restrictions on the use of firearms for deer hunting in shotgun areas. Motion carried. The Board would also like Attorney Antoine's feedback on this issue.

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 – We are just waiting to see what happens.
- D. Snow Blower for the Town Hall – Marty reported that Ron had gotten quotes for the snow blower. Motion by Marty, seconded by Stan, to purchase a medium duty, 27 inch wide, Simplicity Model 1227E snow thrower from Gibbsville Implement at a cost of \$900.00 plus additional cost for chains. Motion carried..
- E. Fire Protection Services agreement as it pertains to Oostburg Fire Dept. –This can be removed from ongoing issues.
- F. Complaint of neighbors regarding a neglected property – The property in question has been cleaned up except for a few things. The neighbors have been notified of findings. We will complete the complaint form and return copies to them. The house is not habitable. The owner says he is not planning to rent the house, and may tear it down. We will ask the Towns Association and Attorney Antoine if the Town has the authority to order razing of the house.

#### Committee Reports

Administration – Steve commented on the two-way radios that the County is ordering every municipality to purchase. He also questioned why the County is additionally spending \$274,000 to hire a consulting firm for this matter.

Roads – Stan reported that everything is pretty well finished for the season.

Parks & Property – Marty reported that all is going well at the Recycling Center. There will be an Amsterdam Park Commission meeting next Monday night October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Public Safety – Dave reported 29 hours for the Sheriff's Dept. in September with three warnings and five citations issued. Cedar Grove has put out a proposed budget for the Fire Dept. to receive a 4% increase We held it flat.

Public Input: Craig Droppers thanked the Board for going as far as they did with planning to draft an ordinance regarding the restriction of rifles for deer season.

Correspondence: None.

Adjourn: Motion by Stan, seconded by Marty, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk