

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

November 12, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. on November 12, 2012. The Pledge of Allegiance had been recited at the earlier Public Hearing. 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 Stan, to adopt the agenda as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 8, 2012, regular Board Meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to approve the minutes with a couple of minor corrections. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up to date.

Public Input: There was some input on Windy Acres Wind Farm again. Laurie Werner stated that there are more studies being conducted on this issue and passed out some literature. It was also stated that in New York residents are suing land owners regarding wind farm problems. Charles Volm discussed 'No Parking' signs on East VanEss Road. Craig Droppers said he would like to publicly say Thank You to the town clerk for all of the work she puts in regarding elections, and stated that he had attended the clerk/treasurer training meeting and was very surprised by all the new laws and work involved with the election process.

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

Approval of Vouchers: Steve reported that he believes the Town of Sherman bill is incorrect, and that we owe Town of Sherman more than is on the bill. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to approve the voucher list and to allow the clerk to pay Town of Sherman up to \$500 in addition to the bill when Steve determines the correct amount. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: CG Services is the only one who still owes money to the Town.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

- A. Grant an easement for a driveway not to exceed 12 feet in width provided that the driveway does not interfere with the use of the public walkway. Driveway to serve a parcel at the east end of Prospekt Boulevard. The Platt shows that the public walkway is an extension of the roadway so it is not a separate parcel. Therefore no action is needed. The Plan Commission will notify the property owner that they can proceed with the driveway following regular standards.
- B. Waive Conditional Use Permit and rezoning application fee, and have Randall Joesse file a Conditional Use permit application for the operation of his business. Don explained that this is somewhat of a trend to clean up the Conditional Use Permit status of businesses. Motion by Marty, seconded by Steve, to waive the rezoning application fee. Motion carried.

Adopt the final levy and the 2013 Budget per Statute 60.40(4). Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, that the Town Levy be set at \$657,174 and the total budget of \$1,079,347 for 2013 be adopted. Dave-Yes, Marty-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes, Steve-Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on ordinance revisions needed prior to scheduling a public hearing including: A. Creating #298 Article IV dealing with protection of the public interests in Town Rights Of Way and Easements.- B. Repealing and recreating #330-35(2)(g) through (p) dealing with B-1 Business District. - C. Repealing and recreating #330-12.B dealing with B1 Accessory Uses. - D. Revising #330-34 and #330-54 dealing with the recording of documents at the Registrar of Deeds. The goal of this is to handle all four of these issues in one public hearing. This hearing would probably be held in January 2013 because there may not be a Plan Commission meeting in December. There was discussion on the four items. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to authorize the Plan Commission to hold a public hearing on the four proposals, and make recommendations to the Town Board on the same following the public hearing. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Joint Powers Agreement – County 911 Emergency System. Motion by Stan, seconded by Marty, to approve the joint powers agreement and to sign the same. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on time spent working on Absentee Ballots. There was some discussion in which Sharon estimated that it takes her at least ten minutes per absentee ballot to process and either mail out or have person come to her home to vote. There were 157 absentee ballots processed for the November Presidential Election. Motion by Marty, seconded by Stan, to pay Sharon for twenty-six hours of time spent on the absentee ballots for the November Election. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Nyhof contract for snow removal. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to sign the usual yearly contract with Nyhof Custom Gutter & Aluminum Inc. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Ongoing Issues:

- A. Proof of Concept System for Town of Holland record keeping. Nothing to report.
- B. CG Services Issues. According to the letter sent to CG Services by Attorney Antoine, it states that this must be resolved by November 16th. Roger will continue to take pictures.

- C. Web site link about Recycling Center news. Nothing to report
- D. RR Crossing Issues. The Railroad is supposed to deal with all four crossings by the end of the year..
- E. Right-of-way encroachment/Walvoord Berry Farm. This matter is waiting for the ordinance.
- F. Windy Acres Wind Farm. It is still the position of the Town of Holland Board that Windy Acres notification is incomplete. There has been no application yet. Steve met with people at Madison to address this issue. There was nothing binding at this meeting. There are no notification guidelines at the Public Service Commission at this point. The Town will have to look at ordinances. To reject an application due to incompleteness would not be easy to do. There will not be a meeting scheduled at this time, but a meeting might be considered after the application arrives. They might submit the application by mid December. That puts us out to April 1st that the ordinance needs to be done.
- G. Town Hall rental agreement and rental fee. Take this off the agenda.
- H. Need for help at recycling center. This can be taken off of the agenda.
- I. Issues regarding Amsterdam Park. There were ten or twelve individuals that came to the Amsterdam Park Commission meeting. The all met at the park first and then at the hall.- 1. We will ask the Town Attorney to review and suggest changes in wording of signs. – 2. The ramps may be extended by two more ramp pieces. – 3. The old steel posts will be removed when the ramps are put in next spring.- 4. It was determined that the unused pile of ramp parts will have to be scrapped out because they are not compatible for use. – 5. Volunteers will be requested, but they will need to sign waivers. – 6. There was a suggestion that a fee drop box be installed to make it easier for people who come not realizing that they need to pay a fee.

Committee Reports:

Administration – Nothing to report

Roads – As the year is coming to a close, Roger is carefully checking the budget to see if there are still funds available for small projects.

Parks & Property –Marty reported that he had just handed over a check for two loads of scrap metal in the amount of \$1,119.90. Marty also reported that Tommy Vang, who is a student at Homestead High School and is present at the meeting tonight as part of this Civics class, has volunteered six hours of time at the Recycling Center.

Public Safety – Dave reported 40.5 hours for the Sheriff Dept. in October with four written warnings and assisting motorists. He also reported on the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. truck purchase and meeting with the Village of Cedar Grove Public Safety Committee. He stated that the first payment will be due on January 4th, and probably the second payment will be due in June or July. Dave reported that the Village of Cedar Grove plans to pay the entire payment in January. This might

be a good idea for us also. Another thing Dave reported was that there is a need to purchase new radios for the Oostburg Fire Dept. which was mandated by Sheboygan County. Fifteen radios are needed. Motorola is currently doing a \$200 rebate per a \$1,295.60 purchase pri

Public Input: Fred Werner asked if a joint meeting with the Town of Sherman and EEW would be an open meeting or a closed meeting. He was told that very probably it could not be a closed meeting. Laurie Werner asked if the Town considered the pre application from Windy Acres Wind Farm to be incomplete, and was told yes, they do consider it to be incomplete. Michael Leick, from Adell, thanked the Town Board for the help they have given, and encouraged continued help on the wind farm issue. The Board acknowledges their willingness to do what they can, but as the laws are right now their hands are substantially tied.

Correspondence: All in the packet.

Adjourn: Motion by Marty, seconded by Dave, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk