

Town of Holland

Special Meeting of the Electors

November 9, 2015

The Special meeting of the Town of Holland Electors was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:20 P.M., immediately following the Public Budget meeting, on November 9, 2015 at the Town of Holland Hall. The Clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws had been met.

Don Becker explained that this is a meeting of the electors and not a Board meeting so all town electors can speak and vote. There were Sixty-five Town people present including the five Town Board, the treasurer and the clerk as well as two people who are not residents of the Town of Holland.

Motion by Nate Voskuil, seconded by Jack Stokdyk, to adopt the agenda as the official order of business. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss and act on Resolution Authorizing Renovations to the Town Hall: Chairman Don Becker explained that there are repairs that will be done which are not included on the resolution that will be presented regarding renovations. The things that must be done and will be done regardless of the outcome of the voting on the resolution are replacing the Town Hall roof which will include a gabled roof over the 1960's addition to the Hall. This must be done because there are roof leaks, especially on the flat part of the roof over the addition. There is already some mold damage which will need to be addressed. The other thing that will be done is to place a holding tank to replace the existing septic system. The County has a rule in place whereby every septic system in the County must be pumped out every three years. The Hall septic tank had to be pumped this fall, and when that was done an inspection also had to be done. The septic system failed which made it mandatory to replace the system. Chairman Becker then addressed the Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENOVATION OF THE TOWN OF HOLLAND HALL". Mr. Becker stated that the renovations were carefully thought out and will retain the character of the Hall, it is the lowest cost option, and the cost estimate is \$437,298. He then read the resolution and turned the meeting over to Mr. Ray Haen of Quasius Construction. Mr. Haen explained that the Hall had been built in 1936 and that an addition had been completed in the early 1960's. He told the audience that Quasius Construction had been hired to inspect the existing Hall to determine if it was worthy of saving due to concerns of the foundation, older electrical system and so forth. Quasius in turn consulted various experts about the various concerns. The Hall was found to be very stable, the electrical system was newer than expected, and all other concerns also showed good results leading to the belief that the Hall was definitely worthy of renovations rather than demolition. Prints of the plans were projected on a large

screen. Mr. Haen commented on and explained the various aspects of the project. Questions were asked and answered during the presentation.

After asking again if there were further questions, Chairman Becker indicated that a vote would be called for at this time. Motion by Louise Huenink, seconded by Lauri Werner, to pass resolution 1-2015. Chris Schroeder asked for a ballot vote. It was determined that the request must be in the form of a motion. Motion by Chris Schroeder, seconded by Bob Caljouw, to vote by ballot. Motion carried by a show of hands. Chairman Becker asked if the clerk was prepared for a ballot vote, and she responded that she was. Chairman Becker then asked if there were volunteers to act as tellers. Three people responded, those being Louise Huenink, LaMont Lukens and Sally Lensink. Clerk Sharon Claerbaut told the electors that the ballots would become a part of the open records that anyone could inspect if they chose to do so after the count was reported. Members of the Town Board passed out the ballots. After the ballots were counted the report came back that there were sixty-three (63) voters with twenty-one (21) 'No' votes and forty-two (42) 'Yes' votes. Motion carried. Resolution 1-2015 was declared passed. The Hall renovations will commence as soon as possible.

Approve the 2016 Highway Budget: The proposed highway budget for 2016 is \$617,678. Motion by Louise Huenink, seconded by Jack Stokdyk, to approve the 2016 Highway Budget of \$617,678. Vote was taken by a show of hands. There were fifty-seven (57) in favor of the motion, one (1) opposed. Motion carried.

Adopt the Tax Levy to be paid in 2016. The proposed levy is \$876,212. Motion by Ivy Nevela, seconded by Dave Huenink, to adopt the Tax Levy of \$876,212 to be paid in 2016. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jack Stokdyk, seconded by Nate Voskuil, to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk