

**Town of Holland**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**April 19, 2016**

**The annual meeting of the Town of Holland was called to order by Chairman Donald Becker at 7:30 P.M. on April 19, 2016, at the Town of Holland Hall, County G. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Becker. The Chairman certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws have been met.**

**Don Becker explained that there is a draft agenda, but the electors are entitled to add anything they choose to have discussed as long as it is in the limits of what is allowed by law for the electors to decide. Don explained that State Stats., not the Board, determine what is allowed to be decided at an Annual Meeting. Only people who reside in the Town of Holland may vote. Property owners who do not reside in the Township are not allowed to vote. Voting will be done by a show of hands unless otherwise called for. He asked if anyone would like additions to the agenda. Motion by Martin Elmer, seconded by Stan Lammers, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Clerk Sharon Claerbaut read the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Annual Meeting. Don explained that these minutes are for information only.**

**The Chairman, Don Becker, stated that he was honored to serve with the group of Supervisors that he has been working with, that each is a great contributor in the running of the Township, and that they work extremely well together. He introduced the Board members – Stanley Lammers, Martin Elmer, and David Huenink, and stated that Supervisor Stephen Jones was not present tonight due to illness. Chairman Becker told everyone that each Board member will be appointed as the Chairman of one of the committees and will also serve on another committee, but due to the recent election, the appointments have not yet been made for the coming year. He then introduced Clerk Sharon Claerbaut, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer Craig and Sue Droppers, Plan Commission members Jack Stokdyk and Nathan Voskuil, Plan Commission Clerk Louise Huenink, and Auditor Paul Corson who brought his assistant, Evan Grossen, along tonight. Chairman Becker told the group present that Dennis Huibregtse and Renee' TeLindert have been hired as the new Town Hall custodians. They were not present at the time, but Dennis came to the meeting a little later.**

**Chairman Becker also told everyone that Nathan Voskuil was recently hired as Director of Public Works and Property and will take the place of Roger TeStroete who has served in that capacity for many years and is going to retire. Lastly the Chairman stated that Supervisor Martin Elmer had chosen not to run for re-election and introduced Douglas Hamilton as the newly appointed Supervisor. He explained that, while Nathan Voskuil had been elected to that position, he was not able to accept the position due to his being hired as Director of Public Works and Property. Doug had run for the office and was just behind Nathan in the number of votes received so, after checking with the WTA Attorney, the Board appointed Doug to the vacant Supervisor position. Chairman Becker also thanked Sharon Claerbaut, Sue Droppers, and Board members wives for organizing and preparing the lunch that will be served after the meeting.**

**Chairman Becker turned the meeting over to Auditor, Paul Corson who presented the financial reports for the Town of Holland for 2015. Paul said he was not able to be here last year, but heard that Steve Jones had done a good job of reporting on the audit. He also thanked Sharon, Craig, and Sue for their help in putting together the audit report. Paul started by saying that in December, 2015 the Board borrowed \$570,000 for a new roof on the Hall, septic system, renovations on the Hall, and extra equipment at the Recycling Center. He then went over each page of the audit report, and explained that certain things are done because of State rules. Paul also presented three pie charts. The first shows where our tax dollars go such as Schools, County, State, Town, etc. The Town only gets 11% of our total tax dollars. The second chart shows where percentages of the Town revenues come from, and the third chart shows what percentages of the levy are spent on each expense. He asked if there were any questions. Motion by Jack Stokdyk, seconded by Nathan Voskuil, to approve the report as presented. Motion carried by show of hand with seventeen electors voting for the motion and zero electors opposed. Motion carried.**

**Update on Hall Renovation Project: Chairman Becker described the scope of the hall renovation work pointing out that there will be offices at the north end of the hall, a meeting room where the stage now sits, lighting and acoustics improvements in the remainder of the hall, an update of the two existing restrooms, an update of the HVAC system, and a new electrical service to the building. Separate from the hall renovation project is the roof replacement project. This contract was signed in late 2014, but was placed on hold when it became clear that other changes to the hall may be needed. Plans are to start the Hall renovations in early May and have then completed in July. During the**

planning for the hall renovation, historical property line issues on all sides of the Town hall property were again raised. These needed to be resolved prior to the State approval of the hall renovation plans. Some of the errors go back to the 1800's. All property line issues were resolved with the cooperation of property owners around the Town Hall. The Board appreciates and acknowledges their cooperation and assistance.

### **Progress reports by Committee Chairpersons and Town Chairman:**

#### **Public Safety**

David Huenink is the chairman of the public safety committee. That primarily involves police and fire protection for the Town. For police protection, the Sheboygan Sheriff's Department provides normal coverage for the entire county. The Town of Holland also contracts for additional police services for Town specific tasks. As the County has been expanding their normal coverage, the Town has been reducing our special contracted hours to save costs. We've done that again this year, targeting the summer months for Town specific activities. For fire protection, the Town is involved with four fire departments. The largest area falls within the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. district. This fire department is jointly owned and operated with the Village of Cedar Grove. Last year we replaced the ambulance, taking advantage of a very good deal from Grafton. The northern area falls within the Oostburg Fire Dept. district. This fire department is jointly owned and operated with the Town of Lima, Town of Wilson, and Village of Oostburg. Last year we started considering options regarding the Oostburg Fire House. Short term we agreed to officially lease the current building, to provide time to investigate other possibilities. Two small areas to the west are within the Adell and Random Lake Fire Dept. districts. For these we have fixed contracts with those fire departments. Fortunately 2015 was a fairly quiet year. Besides Public Safety, Dave also reported on two other topics. The first was Amsterdam Dunes. Dave is on Sheboygan County's Amsterdam Dunes Advisory Committee. Amsterdam Dunes is the 322-acre area with Lake Michigan frontage near Amsterdam Park that the County recently acquired. The Advisory Committee has met quarterly and has finalized a Proposed Usage Map. Dave has a copy on the easel, and any one can review it after the meeting. This is a PROPOSED usage and is expected to take at least 10 years to implement. The last thing Dave reported on was Shoreland

**Zoning.** Sheboygan County is required to revise their Shoreland Zoning ordinance to conform to recent State changes. Dave, Steve Jones and Doug Hamilton all participated in a county-wide group to review the proposed updates. Dave has a marked up copy here if anyone would like to review it. The final version will be adopted this fall. He then asked if there were any questions.

### **Park & Property**

**Martin Elmer** reported that during the last year we have completed work on the playground at the Town Hall. This structure has many different activities, along with a double set of swings. The wood chips that were used underneath are ADA compliant; these are special chips that allow wheelchairs to roll over them. Marty hopes that the young and old alike will enjoy the new playground. Amsterdam Park is in great shape and is enjoyed by all. One thing to note is the addition of Amsterdam Dunes to the area, and what impact that it may have on the park in the future. The Park Commission has decided to take a wait and see attitude with respect to the park and the dunes area. The Town Recycling Center was improved with the addition of two new compactors. These allow us to now compact and comingle paper, plastic, cans, and glass together. We will be seeing a cost reduction due to this, and we should be set for the next twenty years. Reasoning for buying two was that we got a good price reduction, and we have one as a backup. This already came into play when one stopped working, and we were able to switch over to the stand-by unit without any disruption at the center. The DNR does require that we have a backup plan for such events. The Town Hall improvements have already been reported on. Marty hopes that in the future the residents will enjoy the repurposed facility. Marty concluded by saying ‘Final Report – April 19, 2016’ as this is his last meeting as a Town Supervisor. He did not run for re-election.

### **Roads**

**Stan Lammers** reported that in 2015 the roads that were blacktopped were Sauk Trail Road between Smies Road and State Road 32, Risseeuw Road between County Road CC and County Road GW, Walvoord Road from State Road 32 east to the railroad tracks, Knepprath Road from County Road D north a half mile, Pebble Beach Road from Sauk Trail Road to the Lake, and 2 tenths of a mile of Prospect Boulevard for a total of four miles. For 2016 we are

looking at blacktopping about 3.5 miles and we will be doing betterment on Risseeuw Road from County Road KW to Rauwerdink Road, and DeMaster Road from Sauk Trail Road to DeWitt Road. Stan concluded his report by saying that Roger TeStroete is retiring from Director of Roads and Property, and Nate Voskuil has been hired as his replacement. Just a few highlights over Roger's 22 years of service are that he was able to help the Town of Holland get \$272,000 in bridge aid. That's 59% of all the bridge aid that was given out. Roger also got \$99,000 town road development aids. These are State grants matching funds.

### **Administration**

Steve Jones reported that after our septic tanks failed at the Town Hall, he had reviewed the possibility of either new septic tanks or a holding tank at the hall. It was determined the best way to go was with a holding tank. He said he had bid out, contracted, organized the installation, and oversaw the installation of the new holding tank. The work was completed in January. Steve also reported that, although there has not been any action on the open application for the Windy Acres Wind Farm in a couple of years, it is still active. The FAA granted a new permit on June 25, 2015 that is good through December 25, 3016. This tells him that they are still very interested. At the present time they are in the process of finishing up a lawsuit and PSC review for the Highland Wind Farm in the Town of Forest in St. Croix County. Steve fully believes that the outcome of this will determine the future of Wind Turbines in Wisconsin.

### **Chairman Don Becker's report is as follows:**

Mr. Becker reported that the Town Board Chairman also serves as the Chairman of the Plan Commission. For more than a year, the Plan Commission has been working on a major update to our zoning ordinances. This was prompted by the Working Lands Initiative and the recordkeeping associated with this statute. Work is nearly complete, and an Open House will be held on May 11th to give property owners the opportunity to learn more about the changes and to get their questions answered. Don also reported that a new Town web site was developed with the assistance of nSite Designs, Board members, the Town Clerk, and the Plan Commission Clerk. This site will be easier to maintain and more flexible than our old site. He further said that Dave Huenink and Steve Jones have participated on

**the Amsterdam Dunes Advisory Committee that is planning for the public use of this area and the improvements that will be necessary. Chairman Becker thanked all the Board members and Plan Commission members for their diligent service over the past year, pointing out that what has been accomplished would not have been possible except for the Board effectively working together as a team.**

**Any other business that lawfully comes before the Township: Mr. Becker, on behalf of the Board, acknowledged Martin Elmer's many years of service on the Town Board, the Safety Committee, the Parks and Property Committee, and the Amsterdam Park Commission. He read a proclamation of the Town of Holland Electors to Martin Elmer 'For Dedicated Service to the Town of Holland As a Member of the Town of Holland Board'. Don Becker made a motion, which was seconded by Stan Lammers, to adopt this Proclamation. Motion carried by a voice vote of all electors present. Chairman Becker presented Marty Elmer with the framed proclamation commemorating his 16 years of service. A copy of the proclamation is attached to these minutes. Marty was also presented with a gift card for a local restaurant and a large decorated cake. The Board leaves Marty with well wishes in his retirement.**

**Set Next meeting date: Per State law the Annual Meeting is required to be held on the third Tuesday of April. That date will be April 18, 2017. Motion by Stan Lammers, seconded by Dave Huenink, to set the next Annual Meeting date for April 18, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote of the electors present.**

**Reading of the 2016 Minutes for approval: Don recommended that the reading will not have to include all of the Committee reports because they had been presented to the clerk in writing at the meeting and would only be a repetition of the reports. Motion by Marty Elmer, seconded by Stan Lammers, that the clerk read the minutes, but not the reports which will be included in the typed minutes. Motion carried by voice vote of electors present. Clerk, Sharon Claerbaut, read these minutes for approval. Motion by Marty Elmer, seconded by Nate Voskuil, to approve the minutes with one addition. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Martin Elmer, seconded by Jack Stokdyk, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk**

**Lunch was served following the meeting.**