

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

November 14, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman, Don Becker at 7:19 p.m. immediately following the Town Electors meeting. The Clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll Call showed Don Becker, Steve Jones, Stan Lammers, and Doug Hamilton, present from the Town Board. Dave Huenink had been given an excused absence. Also present were Treasurer Craig Droppers and Clerk Sharon Claerbaut.

Adopt Agenda as official order of business: It was noted that item 17 should be dropped from the agenda because this item is also under 'Ongoing Issues'. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to approve the agenda with the one change as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the October 10, 2016 Regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously provided to the Board. A couple of minor changes were asked for. Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried

Record retention certification: Everything is up to date.

Public Input: A concerned citizen brought attention to a vacant house that has deteriorated and where garbage has collected, as well as other situations of concern. Don will contact Attorney Antoine about this situation noting possible inspections, rodents, garbage, flooded basement, whether the holding tank is condemned, and the belief that there is no electricity at the residence. Another party had a question about a zoning change.

Financial/Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by Craig. Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to approve the financial report. Motion carried. Sharon was asked to call Paul Corson to ask him to check the books before the end of the year to clean up any hanging issues. She will also ask him to be present at the Annual Meeting in April.

Approval of Vouchers: Sharon will check the accuracy of the Frontier bill. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to approve the voucher list. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: Judi has sent one fire call bill to the State, but we have not heard from them yet.

Plan Commission Recommendations: None

Adopt the final tax levy and the 2017 Budget per Statute 60.40(4): Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to adopt the tax levy for 2017 for \$895,115 and the total budget for 2017 of \$1,186,935, Doug-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes, Steve-Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on feral cat situation: This item was brought before the Board in August, 2016. The Board had made recommendations on how to solve the situation, and had decided to check in three months to see if the situation was resolved. Jane Ten Haken who had brought the original complaint was present, and told the Board that Peter Boeldt had secured her deck so no cats could get underneath it, and that the Boeldt's had also purchased batteries for her animal deterrent devices. She stated that things have gotten quite a bit better. Laura Boeldt stated that they had also purchased a kiddie pool, placed it on their property, and filled it with sand so the cats could use that as a litter box. Don stated that with these conditions met the complaint is closed out.

Discuss/act on employee Handbook: There were comments by Stan and Doug. Various sections were discussed, particularly regarding safety issues. There will be some changes made in verbiage.

Discuss/act on possible ordinance regarding removal of large dead trees capable of landing on a road or right-of-way: Don will follow up with Attorney Antoine to see how different communities deal with this issue,

Discuss/act on possible change of cell phone service for town employees: Don has been checking into various possible changes. There was much discussion on this matter, and it will be looked into further.

Amsterdam Dunes advisory committee report: There was nothing to report because Dave was not present, but he had told members of the Board that there will likely be a meeting in December.

Ongoing Issues:

- a. Speed Limit on Foster Road. Stan reported that he has still not heard from the County on the traffic study.
- b. Plan Commission recommends that the Board adopt the Special Exceptions Ordinance. This matter was put off until the Board's December meeting.
- c. Discuss/act on billing for fire department extrication services. The Board will hold off on this issue until the December meeting.

Committee Reports:

Administration –Steve explained the difference in bonds for the Township and State and County liability. Steve will continue to work on this issue

Roads –Stan reported that they are working on DeMaster Road, and this is the last of the major projects for this year. He also reported that Rural Mutual Insurance is working on settling the accident claims.

Parks & Property – Doug reported that the committee had decided to get a \$75 gift card for Charlene Karl for all the volunteer help she provides at the Recycling Center. He has obtained the card and will present it to her.

Public Safety – Due to Dave’s absence, there was no report, but the Sheriff’s Department is not working any hours for the Town at this time of the year.

Public Input: Don presented a written ‘Thank You’ note and personally thanked the Board, Treasurer and Clerk for the floral arrangement sent in sympathy for his father’s funeral, and also for the floral arrangement that was sent on behalf of the Township honoring his father’s service to the Town of Holland on the Plan Commission and the Town Board.

Discuss/act on employee compensation for all non-elected employees for 2017. 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 Steve, to go into closed session. Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Doug-Yes. Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Stan, seconded by Doug, to come back into open session. Steve-Yes, Doug-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to approve a ‘service award’ for Roger TeStroete of \$1,400. Normal payroll withholding applies. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: All in the packet.

Adjourn: Motion by Doug, seconded by Stan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk

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