

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
Town Holland Hall
W3005 County Road G, Cedar Grove
Monday, August 22nd, 2022 7:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Chair David Huenink called to order the Board of Supervisors special meeting at 7:30pm at the Holland Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair David Huenink.
3. CERTIFY WISCONSIN OPEN MEETING LAW HAS BEEN MET:
Clerk-Treasurer Janelle Kaiser certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met. The agenda for this meeting was posted in three places within the Township and on the Town's website.
4. ROLL CALL:
 - a. Members Present: Chair David Huenink, Town Supervisors Stanley Lammers, Douglas Hamilton, Brody Stapel, and Kelly Caswell
 - b. Members Absent: None
 - c. Others Present: Clerk-Treasurer Janelle Kaiser
 - d. Members of the public that signed in: Nancy Jacoby
5. ADOPT AGENDA AS OFFICIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:
Motion by Stapel, seconded by Hamilton, to adopt the agenda for the August 22nd, 2022 special board meeting as presented; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. PUBLIC INPUT:
Nancy Jacoby was present to ask about the proposed partnership with Bertram Communications to improve broadband service in the Town of Holland and how it may affect property taxes. Chair Huenink explained possible project timeline and funding sources for the proposed partnership with Bertram and also noted that the Town Board would be discussing this topic in detail during the meeting.
7. POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES AND PROJECT TIMELINE FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND AND BERTRAM COMMUNICATIONS:
The Town Board discussed next steps for the Town of Holland to move forward with the broadband expansion project. The Town of Holland's next steps for the potential project include a signed resolution stating a commitment to partner with Bertram Communications LLC for a future broadband expansion project, signing a commitment of funds needed to confirm matching funds for grant writing, providing an accurate estimate of the total number of homes and businesses that would be receiving fiber, finalizing the scope of project and price, and finally signing a Fiber Project Agreement. If grants are to be applied for, the Town is to help gather information for the grant that is specific to the Town of Holland and help gather letters of support for the project. The Town Board discussed possible grant opportunities and other potential funding sources.
8. RESOLUTION 2022-02 FOR THE TOWN OF HOLLAND TO PARTNER WITH BERTRAM COMMUNICATIONS LLC TO IMPROVE BROADBAND SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND:

Motion by Lammers, seconded by Caswell, to adopt Resolution 2022-02, Resolution Supporting Broadband Expansion Projects and Grant Applications; the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Douglas Hamilton: Y; David Huenink: Y; Stanley Lammers: Y; Brody Stapel: Y; Kelly Caswell: Y.

9. COMMITMENT OF FUNDS FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT:

Motion by Stapel, seconded by Lammers, to authorize Chair David Huenink to sign a commitment of funds letter to be included in future broadband expansion grant applications, after consulting with the grant writer assisting with the grant submission(s), that commits between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 to the potential future broadband expansion project between the Town of Holland; the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. SIGNAGE AND BARRICADES AT WALK-IN ACCESS TO LAKE MICHIGAN LOCATIONS:

Chair Huenink provided a report about signage and barricades at walk-in access to Lake Michigan locations in the Town of Holland.

11. PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

12. ADJOURN – Motion by Stapel, seconded by Caswell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.