

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, February 16, 2009

The Joint Meeting of the Village of Cedar Grove Board and the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Town of Holland Chairman Don Becker at 7:35 P.M. on February 16, 2009. The meeting took place at the Village of Cedar Grove Library. The clerks certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll call showed President Gene Jentink and Trustees Ken Hoopman, Mark Post, Ron Hinze, Jeff Duenk, and Richard Katte present from the Village, and Chairman Don Becker, and Supervisors Martin Elmer, Steve Jones, Stan Lammers, and Dave Huenink present from the Township. Also present were Cedar Grove Clerk/Treasurer Karen Otte, and Town of Holland Clerk Sharon Claerbaut.

Don Becker gave a few comments, and thanked Dave Huenink for comments of clarification on the Town's requests for changes.

Gene Jentink stated the Village Board's concerns. He said that the Fire House rental fee and the cost of water including \$45 hook up fees were their primary concern. They believe that their water charge plus \$45 for each hook up seems very minimal to them.

Don Becker said that the Town Board has gained better understanding of the Village's requests. He then asked if the Cedar Grove Board has addressed evenly splitting the costs of practice and training as well as mutual aid. The Town Board believes there is logic in splitting these cost on a 50/50 basis.

There was interest in allowing the Fire Dept. to go ahead with any unexpected expenditures up to \$5,000 without waiting for the approval of both full Boards. This could be handled by the Safety Committees. There was also mention of possible billing for all fires at the discretion of each Board.

The Village believes there was a Fire House appraisal done in 2003 at which time an attorney used that appraisal for setting the rental fee. There has not been an appraisal since then. The Town Board asked for a copy of the appraisal.

The issue of water charges was addressed again. Steve Jones has done a lot of research in the area, and handed out a listing of all water charges in many surrounding municipalities. Cedar Grove was the only one to charge hook up fees.

Sharon Claerbaut was asked to send Karen Otte a listing of dollar totals for I-43 Fire calls for the last years.

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The Town asked the Village Board to check into how often and for what purposes certain Fire Trucks are used within the Village by the Village workers. Fire Chief Greg Navis, who was also present at the meeting, confirmed that the Village employees do use certain trucks sometimes, but did not state how often and did not know for what use.

Dave Huenink will write up possible changes for the Contract. The next meeting date was set for March 10th at 7:30 P.M. at the Village Library.

Motion by Martin Elmer, seconded by Stan Lammers, to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk