

**Town of Holland  
Annual Meeting  
April 14, 2009**

The annual meeting of the Town of Holland was called to order by Chairman Donald Becker at 8:00 P.M. on April 14, 2009, at the Town of Holland Hall, County G. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Becker. The clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws have been met.

Motion by Stan Lammers, and seconded by Dave Huenink, to adopt the agenda as the official order of business. Chairman Becker explained the procedures for the Annual Meeting, and that only people living in the Township are allowed to vote. He explained that this is a meeting of the electors, not a Board meeting. He then called for the vote. Motion carried by voice vote.

The deputy clerk read the minutes of the April 15, 2008 Annual Meeting for information.

The Chairman introduced Sharon and Al Claerbaut, the clerk and deputy clerk. He also introduced Supervisors Stanley Lammers, Martin Elmer, David Huenink, and John Maul, Treasurer Craig Droppers, Deputy Treasurer Sue Droppers. Custodian Ron Lenz, Building Inspector Tom Huenink, Auditor Paul Corson, and himself, Don Becker, Chairman of the Township.

The Chairman stated that Dave Huenink had just been re-elected to the Board, and John Maul was newly elected to the Board replacing Steve Jones who did not run for re-election. He also stated that he (Don)Becker had just been re-elected Chairman of the Township.

Paul Corson presented the financial report for the Town of Holland for 2008. He also presented pie charts to show where the revenues come from and how the tax money is divided and used. Paul then asked if there were any questions. There were a couple of questions by Jack Smies, answered by Paul Corson. There was another question asked by Mark Huenink which was answered by David Huenink. Motion by Jack Smies, seconded by Jack Stokdyk, to approve the 2008 Financial Report. Chairman Becker stated that this is not a resolution so it will be done by voice vote. Motion carried.

**Chairperson reports by Committees:**

**Public Safety – Dave Huenink reported on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan being worked on by the Plan Commission. He also had copies available of the land use plan, and asked for feedback so they know if they are doing what the property owners want. Dave then gave a brief report on development of the Amsterdam Dunes which has been known as the American Heritage property. They also want public input on that possible project. Chairman Becker addressed some of the mechanics as it pertains to the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that we have received some grant money to help with the Plan cost. The Plan seeks to preserve the farmland, while allowing for some development. Jack Smies asked how the Amsterdam Dunes project would affect Amsterdam Park. Dave Huenink explained that the main objective is to preserve habitat, with no bike trails within the area, only hiking and cross country skiing. There was quite a bit of discussion on this.**

**Parks and Property – Martin Elmer reported that the Amsterdam Park still runs on a budget of \$4,500 per year. He further reported that they have put larger dumpsters at the Recycling Center. Martin asked the audience to take note of the new curtains that have been made and hung in the Hall, as well as the newly painted border which was done to match the Hall better.**

**Roads – Stan Lammers reported that winter has hit hard again so we are again facing budget shortage. There was a betterment project on Hoftiezer Road, and the Eernisse Road bridge has been replaced. There were \$29,000 worth of road projects that they could not get to in 2008 due to June rains, to he will recommend to redesignate unused Road money to the 2009 Road Budget.**

**Administration – Don Becker said that Steve Jones was not able to be here tonight, but that he had served well in two year term. Don mentioned that Steve had done a lot of work on the DeMaster**

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**Road drainage issue, and the Board will investigate whether there will be any grant funds available for that. Don said that another thing that was being worked on was the abandoned wells issue. He asked Craig Droppers to report on that. Craig stated that there are several kinds of wells that they are trying to locate so they can be safely closed or sealed. Jack Smies asked what had changed on DeMaster Road. Don responded that there is a lot of silt and undergrowth in the drainage area, plus development in Oostburg.**

**Other business included Stanley Lammers' request to place an extra \$42,000 into the snow and ice budget. Motion by Jack Smies, seconded by Ivy Nevela to place \$42,000 into the snow and ice Budget. Hand count vote showed eighteen (18) in favor, and zero (0) apposed. Motion carried.**

**Jack Smies asked a question on extraterritorial powers. Don Becker asked if there was any other business. Mark Huenink asked if there was any talk of dissolving the Town and Village of Cedar Grove agreement on the Fire Department. Don explained some of the negotiations. Various members of the audience presented a letter which was addressed to Don, but which is being placed in doors or handed to members of the electorate. Don Becker then read the letter aloud to the audience. There was a great deal of discussion on this issue.**

**The next Annual Meeting should be held on the second Tuesday, following the first Monday in April of 2010. That date will be April 13, 2010. Motion by Jack Smies, seconded by Jack Stokdyk, to set that date for the 2010 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.**

**Deputy Clerk, Allan Claerbaut, read these minutes for approval. Motion by Jack Smies, seconded by Dave Huenink, to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.**

**Motion to adjourn by Stan Lammers, seconded by Jack Smies. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk**

**Lunch was served following the meeting.**