

Town of Holland

Sheboygan County, WI

Special Combined Meeting of the Village of Oostburg Board and the Town of Holland Board Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2008

The special combined meeting of the Village of Oostburg Board and the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Town of Holland Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. at the Town of Holland Hall located at W3005 County Hwy G, Cedar Grove. Chairman Becker thanked the Village of Oostburg Board members for coming to this meeting to discuss the issue of water drainage in the area of DeMaster Road and surrounding territory. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town of Holland clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law had been met.

The list of those present is as follows : From the Oostburg Village Board – President Jack Hoffmann, Carl Roethel, Jim Davies, Glenn Wynveen, Roger Buyze, Terry Katsma, and Ron Dolfin. From the Town of Holland Board – Chairman Don Becker, Stanley Lammers, Steve Jones, David Huenink, and Martin Elmer. Also present were Joel VanEss from Abacus Architects, Inc. and Sharon Claerbaut, clerk of the Town of Holland.

Motion by Stan Lammers, seconded by Steve Jones, to adopt the Agenda that Don Becker had provided as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Don Becker briefly explained the past history of the DeMaster Road area drainage problems. He then turned the meeting over to Joel VanEss. Mr. VanEss presented materials from the Land Conservation Department study. Part of the area contains a navigable stream which would require extensive permits to work in, but if that area could be avoided it would be much easier. The first recommendation is to clear out the channel prior to any excavation. There is a need to remove sediment at the ends of the culvert, and to do some spot excavation further out.

One of the main questions is, if the Town of Holland does this work south of DeMaster Road, will Oostburg be willing to clear out north of DeMaster Road. It was noted that vegetation cannot be pulled out of the bottom of the stream, but you can cut it off. Oostburg will be looking into information as to where they may have problems. Don Becker asked to keep lines of communication open as to what each Board will be doing. The Town Board plans to get together with the County and the DNR as to what steps to take, but they will first work on clearing out the area.

Public Input: Brian Bruggink has looked into prices/equipment for clearing out from DeMaster Road to the south. He also stated that there is question about what can be removed or just cut down. Craig Droppers asked a question about just how far this clearing will go, and will it just dump water onto neighboring properties. He suggested a drainage district. Don Becker suggested checking other points further to the south.

Motion by Jack Hoffmann, seconded by Terry Katsma, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk
Town of Holland

Motion by Ron Hinze, seconded by Stan Lammers, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Claerbaut, Clerk