

Town of Holland
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Sheboygan County,
May 11, 2009

The regular meeting of the Town of Holland Board was called to order by Chairman Don Becker at 7:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Becker. The Clerk certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met.

Roll Call showed John Maul, Stan Lammers, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, and Dave Huenink present from the Town Board. Also present were Treasurer Craig Droppers, Clerk Sharon Claerbaut, and Deputy Clerk Allan Claerbaut.

Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to adopt the agenda as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the April 13, 2009 regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes with a one letter addition. Motion carried.

Record retention: Record retention is up-to-date.

Public Input: None

Financial/Treasurer's Reports: Reports were presented by Craig. Motion by Martin, seconded by John, to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: There were a couple of additional vouchers presented. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to approve the voucher list with additions. Motion carried.

Accounts Receivable: There is currently only one outstanding account receivable, that being a fire call on I-43. The other fire call on I-43 has just been paid in full by the insurance company, and will appear on the receipts for May.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

- A. A request by Nancy Betker for a change of zoning from A-2 to A-5 and division into three lots. The Betker land and buildings (59006069580) are located at W2687 County Road RR, Town of Holland. Plan Commission recommends granting the request. Realtor, Cindy Navis, stated that they do not have a corrected certified survey map yet, but the County is aware of the change needed. This property is in a transition area according to the old Comprehensive Plan as well as the new Comprehensive Plan which should be adopted soon. Motion by Martin, seconded by Dave, to concur with Plan Commission contingent upon County approval of land division for the

reasons cited in the Plan Commission recommendation. John-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on new fireworks applications: No action was taken. This will be on the agenda again next month.

Appoint Board Committees for one year: Don presented his recommendations which are as follows –

Proposed Committee Assignments for May 2009 to April 2010

Stan Lammers	#1 on Roads Committee #2 on Administrative and Finance
Martin Elmer	#1 on Sanitation, Parks, and Property #2 on Safety Committee
Dave Huenink	#1 on Safety Committee #2 on Plan Commission
John Maul	#1 on Administrative and Finance #2 on Sanitation, Parks, & Property
Don Becker	Chairman on Plan Commission #2 on Roads Committee

Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to approve committees per listing Motion carried.

Report on acceptance of appointments for Plan Commission, Board of Appeals, and Weed Commissioner. Sharon had been asked to call the individuals whose terms had expired, and who were reappointed pending their acceptance of the positions. Sharon reported that Ken Nyhuis and Eugene Schmitz were willing to accept another three year term on the Plan Commission. She also reported that Mike Kuffel was willing to accept another one year term as Weed Commissioner, but John A. Navis and Mike Weidemeyer had both indicated that they would like to be replaced on the Board of Appeals.

Discuss/act on openings on Board of Appeals. No action was taken. This will appear on the agenda again next month.

Update on Sheboygan County's Amsterdam Dunes project, for what is commonly referred to as the American Heritage property. Dave Huenink reported that progress is being made. The grant application has been submitted. If approved, this could be a full grant or a partial grant. Sheboygan County has a one year right to purchase the property with no restrictions. The appraisal has come in at 7.5 million dollars for all property. They must get a second appraisal, but the DNR will pay for that. Friends of Amsterdam Dunes has been formed. They have a web site, and are meeting on an almost weekly basis. The beginning of each meeting is public information, and then they go into an organizational meeting. The property is 323 acres owned by a corporation out of Chicago.

Discuss/act on Amsterdam Dunes group use of the Town of Holland Hall. Dave recused himself from discussion and voting on this matter because he is affiliated with the group. Don stated that he believes this is a reasonable request because it clearly affects residents of the Township. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to grant free use of the Hall on Wednesday nights for these meetings because there is a grant application for the project and it clearly affects residents of the Township, but this should be subject to availability. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on Holland Sanitary District abandonment: Sharon reported that Gerry Antoine had informed her that a resident/owner within the Sanitary District needed to circulate the petition. Carl Nyhof had agreed to do that. Al had gone with Carl, and it is believed that a sufficient amount of property owners have signed the petition. There is still some paperwork to be done, and then Gerry will proceed with further steps. This will be on the agenda again next month.

Discuss/act on abandoned wells issue: Craig reported that he has collected information on a number of the various wells in question. The Land Conservation Dept. may have grant funds for some of this project. This will be on the agenda again next month.

Discuss/act on Government Accountability Board incentive check : Sharon reported that the Town has received a \$100 incentive check for filling out voting data correctly and timely, but it can only be spent on improving voting accountability, and this spending must be kept separate and accounted for. The treasurer must sign a form promising to do so. After some discussion on this matter there was a motion by Don, seconded by Martin, to have the treasurer sign this form, and have the clerk send it in. Motion carried.

Discuss/set the schedule for developing the 2010 Budget: The Town may need a referendum to increase the tax levy due to State restrictions versus mandated expenditures. It was decided to set the first budget meeting for the third Monday in July at 7:30 P.M.

Discuss/act on compensation for substitute Plan Commission Clerk: Don recused on this issue due to the fact that his son was the substitute Clerk. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to pay Christopher Becker \$40 plus mileage for this task. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Parks & Property – Martin reported that there was an Amsterdam Park Commission meeting last month. He was reelected as Chairman of the Commission. A couple of trees, donated by Ron Hinze, have been planted at the park, and a new roof will be put on the shelter. New signs are also planned to replace the old one. Martin also reported that all is going well at the Recycling Center

Roads – Stan reported that the road to the Recycling Center is getting very poor. The Roads Dept is spending a lot of time down there to try and keep it serviceable. The Town Hall parking lot also needs work. All road projects are on target.

Public Safety – Dave reported 33 and a half hours by the Sheriff’s Dept. in April. Eight written warnings and one citation were handed out. We will continue in negotiations about the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. agreement. We have addressed quarterly payments.

Administration – John will get together with Steve Jones to learn more about the committee work. DeMaster Road drainage will be a plan strategy this year.

Public Input. Jack Stokdyd mentioned that, in regard to Amsterdam Dunes, people who build in that development will be Town residents, and therefore they will have access to Amsterdam Park, but others using the habitat will not. He also asked if the Recycling Center changes are working out well, and if the dumpster is being packed with a tractor. He was told that, yes, it is working out well, and the dumpster is being packed down.

A closed session to discuss the negotiations with the Village of Cedar Grove regarding the fire department agreement. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to go into closed session. John-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting into closed session at 9:15 P.M.

Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to come back into open session. John-Yes Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting back into open session at 10.:00 P.M. It was reported that the Town will send a letter to the Cedar Grove Village Board asking for a meeting. The Town will offer three dated for the Village Board to choose from, and will offer the Town Hall as the meeting place.

Public Input: Jack Stokdyk asked for some clarification on the Fire Dept. negotiations. Sharon asked if any Board members, besides Stan, have training certification for the Board of Review because she needs to register that with the State before the Board of Review.

Correspondence: All in the packet

Motion by John, seconded by Stan, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk