

# Town of Holland

**Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Sheboygan County,  
September 8, 2008**

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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 Meetings Law had been met.

Roll call showed Stan Lammers, Don Becker, Martin Elmer, Dave Huenink, Treasurer Craig Droppers, Clerk Sharon Claerbaut, and Deputy Clerk Allan Claerbaut present. Steve Jones was absent.

Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to adopt the Agenda as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 11, 2008 Board Meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Public Input: None

Financial/Treasurer's Reports: Don noted that this had also been presented to the Board previously and there were no questions. Motion by Marty, seconded by Stan, to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Sharon presented the addition of the Foth bill. There was some question whether this should be paid now and reimbursement asked for due to grant or whether we should just wait for the grant. Sharon will check into this. She also had questions on three other bills, those being: 1. The county bill is hard to understand because of grant money. 2. What should we pay Bob Smies for labor at the cemetery. 3. What about the hook up fees for Cedar Grove Fire Dept. Sharon was told to check with the County on their bill, to pay Bob Smies \$10.25 per hour for five hours of labor, and to pay the Cedar Grove water bill, but to pay for only one hook up rather than three as they had billed. Motion by Dave, seconded by Stan, to pay all vouchers as revised and pending the County Highway Dept. explanation of their bill.

Accounts Receivable: There was a roll over accident to which the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. responded. This will be billed as soon as we get the accident report from the Sheriff's Dept.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

- A .A request by Gordon J. Bruggink Living Trust of 2001 for land division and change of zoning. A 40.78 acre parcel zoned A-1 would be divided into two parcels of 38.19 acres and 2.59 acres, the latter including existing buildings. The zoning on the 38.19 acres would remain A-1 while the zoning on the 2.59 acres would change from A-1 to R-2. The parcel is located at N2170-2172, County Highway KW. The Plan Commission recommends the division and zoning change be granted. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to concur with Plan Commission and grant the division and change of zoning. Motion carried

The Superintendent and a School Board member from the Random Lake School District were present and gave a presentation regarding the upcoming referendum for that district. They are seeking a referendum in the amount of \$640,000 to be used mainly for repairs and upkeep.

Discuss/act on Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce request to consider cooperative development agreement as it pertains to "Sheboygan County Guiding Principles for Economic Development". No action taken. This will be back on the agenda next month.

Schedule the things the Town wants to work on for Cedar Grove Fire Dept. and First Responders: Dave Huenink presented a list of ideas and implementations that he would like to see worked on.

Discuss/act on Veolia issues and other disposal matters: Veolia has presented an offer to charge \$150 per pull for the metal container, but then to reimburse us for the price of the metal. Motion by Marty, seconded by Dave, to go with the proposal as long as we control the time of the pulls. Motion carried. There was also some discussion on what to do about disposing of and the cost associated with the disposal of electronic equipment.

Discuss/act on Rural Mutual Insurance letter regarding membership in the Farm Bureau due to auto insurance. No action taken at this time. Will discuss at the budget meeting. Also this will be on the agenda next month.

Discuss/act on possibility of County collecting taxes: Craig stated that he had always preferred to collect the first payment of the taxes himself because of contact with the people and interest collected, but because of time concerns at that time of the year, and the possibility of illness which could prevent timely collection, he feels it may be time to let the County do all collections. He would still have to do dog licenses. He offered to have his salary cut by approximately the amount the County would charge for this service. Motion by Martin, seconded By Stan, to have County do all tax collections. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on replacing Hall curtains: Rhonda Meerdink has contacted Craig and given him an approximate cost of \$3,000 stating that this would probably be the high side. It could possibly be a little less.

Discuss/act on well abandonment issue: These are mainly test wells from years ago when they were looking for oil in this area. It could cost about \$3,000 to \$7,000 per well to properly seal these off, but there is some money available to help with this. We need an inventory of where these wells are located. Don and Sharon will place ads asking for information about the locations.

Comprehensive Plan update: There is currently a rough draft of the Comprehensive Plan. There will be another meeting of the committee in late October with plans to have an informational meeting for anyone interested early in 2009.

Discuss/act on permission to pay usual bills that arrive after Board meeting date: Clerk was told to pay these bill, and then put them on the next month's voucher list marked as paid.

Discuss/act on employee compensation for all non elected employees for 2009: Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to go into closed session. Stan-Yes, Martin -Yes, Dave-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting into closed session at 9:55 P.M.

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Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to come back into open session. Stan-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried. Meeting back into open session at 10:10 P.M. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to revise the wages of all non elected employees per the schedule filled out in closed session and handed to the clerk. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

Administration – Steve was absent so nothing to report

Roads – Stan reported that the Eerinssee Road Bridge is a long ways and going well.

Hoftiezer Road is waiting for the crews to get there and finish, and the Palmer Road curve and road end will be completed when the bridge work is finished. Ed Harvey got back to Roger on Cardinal Lane issue. It appears there is a culvert on Wilson side that needs to be improved.

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – Martin reported that he and Dave Kaiser will do some cleaning up at

the Recycling Center. There is a meeting of the Amsterdam Park Commission coming up in October.

Public Safety – Dave reported 35.5 hours by the Sheriff Dept. in August. He also reported that Cedar Grove Fire Dept. is again asking to replace a truck. Dave said that he had spent some time with Sharon going through Fire Dept. and First Responder payments and has created current billing.

Public Input: Don said he will be going to a meeting with heads of local government. There is talk of having a County person who will analyze the equipment of the individual fire departments.

Correspondence: All in Packet

Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk