

Town of Holland

Town Board Meeting Minutes

Sheboygan County, `

October 13, 2008,

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 Steve Jones, 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.

It was noted that Item #12 on the agenda might have to be delayed due to the fact that the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. was also making its presentation regarding a possible replacement vehicle at the Village of Cedar Grove Board Meeting. Motion by Dave, seconded by Steve, to adopt the Agenda, with that change, as the official order of business. Motion carried.

Minutes of the September 8, 2008 regular Board meeting were posted on the web site, and previously presented to the Board. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve these minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

Public Input: Dave Mueller asked that the Board deny the request of the Poshumas regarding division of land and rezoning. Dan Herr said that he agreed completely with Dave Mueller. Dan Posthuma stated that his request meets the standards of the ordinances and asked that the petition be allowed. Dennis Clark said that he does not want a subdivision in his back yard. Larry Brumm wants the area kept just as it is.

Financial/Treasurer's Reports: Reports were presented by Craig. Motion by Stan, seconded by Steve, to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Sharon asked to add several vouchers. Motion by Dave, seconded by Martin, to approve the Voucher list with the additions, and pending the outcome of discussion and decision on who will provide insurance to the Town in the coming year. Motion carried.

Passed over item #12 until the representatives from the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. arrive.

Accounts Receivable: Insurance has paid the most recent Fire Billing for an accident on I-43. There are no accounts receivable at the present time.

Plan Commission Recommendations:

- A. A request by Daniel L. & Jacqueline R. Posthuma, Joshua L. Posthuma, and Matthew J. Posthuma for a change of zoning and land division or alternately, for just a land Division. The request is rendered as two prioritized requests, with the second request contingent on the fate of the first request. The first request is for a change of zoning from A-2 to A-5 on a parent parcel of 19.2 acres and land division into three daughter parcels. If the first request should be rejected, the second request is for no change of zoning and a land division into three daughter parcels zoned A-2. The parcel is located at W4432 County Highway G, near the northeast corner of County CC and G. The Plan Commission has recommended denial of the request. Attorney Paul Dirkse representing the Posthumas, spoke in favor of the original request stating that it meets all of the requirements for a division and rezoning of this type. There was discussion including listing the pros and cons of the request. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to concur with Plan Commission based on the fact that rural integrity and agriculture are supposed to be maintained in that area. There was a ballot vote taken on this motion. Results showed as follows: Dave-Yes, Martin-Yes, Don-Yes, Stan-Yes, Steve-No. Motion carried to deny first request. The second request would require each person who applies to build a house on each parcel would have to be principally engaged in farming. Motion by Dave, seconded by Steve, to approve the Posthuma's request to divide into three parcels, all remaining A-2 for the following reason: 1. So it remains agricultural. 2. It makes future housing development much more restrictive. 3. Uses our current tool which is Farmland Preservation Map. Roll call vote showed Steve-Yes, Stan-No Martin-No, Dave-Yes, Don-No. Motion defeated.

Craig Droppers asked to be excused from the meeting at this point

The representatives from the Cedar Grove Fire Dept. had arrived at the meeting at this time so Agenda item 12: "Discuss /act on the Cedar Grove Fire Department proposed replacement of equipment truck" was addressed. Greg Navis and Benj Lukens presented the Fire Departments desire to look into the replacement of the current 1988 model truck with a 1997 model that is for sale near the east coast. They would like to send two men out to look at the truck to determine if is suitable. The advantages would be that it is newer, has a six man cab, is a larger truck that could store more equipment ready to move when a call comes in, and it has a telescoping light tower. In addition to the price, it would require travel to look at it, transport expense home, and painting. The current truck has less miles on it than the proposed replacement. The Village of Cedar Grove has a tight budget and will not make a decision without face to face meeting with Town of Holland. Motion by Don, seconded by Stan, to have our Safety Committee meet with the Safety Committee of Cedar Grove, and make a recommendation that would go to both Boards, or if the committees prefer, they could call a joint meeting of the Boards after they meet. Motion carried.

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

Discuss/act on Nyhof Custom Gutter contract for snow removal. Motion by Stan, seconded by Dave, to approve the contract for the 2007-2008 winter season. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on request by Randy Walvoord for Town to reimburse him for damage to irrigation pipe. Motion by Stan, seconded by Martin, to deny the claim for reimbursement, and also to have our Town Attorney draft a letter to Randy Walvoord telling him of the decision, and telling him to cease and desist from having any equipment in the Town's Right-of-Way. Motion carried.

Discuss/act on insurance for November 1, 2008 to October 31, 2009. The purpose is to review our two options – Rural Insurance and Maritime. The two quotes had been presented to the Board members prior to the meeting. Maritime was less expensive. Motion by Steve, seconded by Stan, to go with Maritime contingent on bonds for the Clerk and Treasurer, and contingent on the fact that if they want an insurance audit they do it themselves. Motion carried.

Discuss and decide on best approach for exploring county advisory oversight for major emergency equipment purchases. Discussion showed agreement to have this service.

Discuss/act on selling generator. Motion by Don, second by Stan, to authorize selling of generator by sealed bid, and to place ads in appropriate magazines. Motion carried.

Update on abandoned wells issue. This will be put back on the agenda next month.

Discuss/act on building permit Fees and Building Inspector Compensation. This will be put back on the agenda next month.

Discuss/act on Weight Limits for Holland-Lima Road. An ordinance to this affect has been drafted by the Town Attorney. Motion by Steve, seconded by Dave, to approve Ordinance 1-2008 "Creating Article IV of Chapter 298 of the Code of the Town of Holland, Sheboygan, Wisconsin". Steve-Yes, Stan-Yes, Don-Yes, Martin-Yes, Dave-Yes. Motion carried. A copy of this ordinance is attached to these minutes.

Discuss/act on drainage issue on Town Line Road at Cardinal Lane. This will be put back on the agenda next month.

Review 2009 Budget: Motion by Martin, seconded by Don, to approve the budget recommendation as presented making use of line 16 on Municipal Levy Worksheet, and taking the remainder of necessary funding from undesignated funds. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Administration – Steve reported on work being done with DeMaster Road issue.

Roads – Stan reported that Hofiezer Road is at a standstill right now. He also suggested that County be given stipulation on when to plow Town Roads. This will be placed on the agenda next month.

Parks/Property/Amsterdam Park – Martin stated that the next meeting of the Amsterdam Park Commission will be next Monday, October 20th. He also reported that the fabric and color has been chosen for the new Hall curtains, and showed a sample of the fabric. Martin reported on the Recycling Center telling of some changes that are being made in regard to the placement and size of dumpsters in order to be more efficient and cost effective. Don suggested an extra step and/or railing be placed to help people when placing things in the dumpster.

Public Safety – Dave reported 35.5 hours by the Sheriff Dept. in September. They have given out three tickets and arrested one person. He also reported that he has the Town of Holland proposed new Cedar Grove Fire Dept. contract ready, but the Village of Cedar Grove has given no reply and no proposal.

Public Input: Dan Posthuma thanked the Board for the time spent on his request, stated his disappointment, and also stated his hope that the Comprehensive Plan be written in a very clear manner. Sharon had publicly thanked Ivy Nevela before she left the meeting for her help in organizing the old Town materials at the Hall. Sharon was given permission to get Ivy an appropriate gift certificate in appreciation for all of her help.

Correspondence: All was included in the packet.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Claerbaut, Deputy Clerk