

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
HOLLAND TOWN HALL, W3005 COUNTY ROAD G, CEDAR GROVE, WI 53013  
Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER:  
Town Chair David Huenink called to order the Board of Supervisors special meeting at 7:30pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:  
Chair Huenink led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. CERTIFY WISCONSIN OPEN MEETING LAW HAS BEEN MET:  
Clerk-Treasurer Janelle Kaiser certified that the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law had been met. The agenda for this meeting was posted at the Holland Town Hall and on the Town's website.
4. ROLL CALL:
  - a. Members Present: Town Chairman David Huenink, Town Supervisors Kelly Caswell, Douglas Hamilton, Stanley Lammers, and Brody Stapel.
  - b. Members Absent: None.
  - c. Others Present: Clerk-Treasurer Janelle Kaiser.
  - d. Members of the public that signed in: Jack Stokdyk.
5. ADOPT AGENDA AS OFFICIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:  
Motion by Lammers, seconded by Hamilton, to adopt the agenda for the March 25, 2024 board meeting as presented; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. RECORD RETENTION CERTIFICATION:  
Clerk-Treasurer Janelle Kaiser certified that everything is up to date.
7. PUBLIC INPUT:  
None.
8. IMPROVING BROADBAND SERVICES IN THE TOWN:  
The Town Board continued its discussion of possible upcoming funding opportunities to improve broadband services throughout the Township. Chair Huenink reported that he plans to attend the broadband regional workshop hosted by the Community Economic Development division of UW Extension in Green Bay on April 10, 2024.  
The Town of Holland was approached by Bertram Communications LLC of Random Lake in 2022 to discuss their proposal to install fiber for broadband internet service to every residence, business, and municipal building in the Town of Holland. Bertram subsequently submitted a grant application on the Town's behalf in 2022 to fund a portion of the project.

That grant application was denied, but the Town has remained in contact with Bertram about additional grant opportunities and is still motivated to complete the project. At the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 board meeting, Chair Huenink reported that Sheboygan County had issued a request for proposal in early 2024 to solicit bids from entities to provide access to broadband internet service on the west side of Interstate 43 in the Town of Holland, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. This particular area in the Town has been deemed as one of the areas in Sheboygan County with the highest need for broadband internet service, being one of the most underserved areas based on data obtained by Sheboygan County via a county-wide study that was performed.

The Town Board acknowledged that while Sheboygan County's request for proposal was not to exceed \$2,000,000, the proposal from Bertram in 2022 quoted the Township at approximately \$4,200,000 to install fiber for broadband internet service to every residence, business, and municipal building in the Town of Holland, to which Bertram stated they would provide funds in kind of \$1,300,000 towards that amount. The Town Board concurred that they are motivated to complete the project to provide access to broadband internet service to each residence, business, and municipal building in the Town of Holland as Bertram has proposed, of which project could be bolstered by Sheboygan County if they were to enter into a contract with Bertram Communications LLC.

Motion by Lammers, seconded by Caswell, to commit to funding an amount between \$790,000 and \$1,500,000, but not to exceed, \$1,500,000, which would fund a portion of a Town approved project to provide access to reliable, Fiber to the Home, low cost, high-speed, broadband internet service to each residence, business, and municipal building in the Town of Holland, contingent upon Sheboygan County accepting a proposal from Bertram Communications LLC or another local internet service provider in response to Sheboygan County's 2024 bid solicitation to provide access to broadband internet service to certain areas in the Town of Holland.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Douglas Hamilton: Y; Kelly Caswell: Y; Brody Stapel: Y; Stanley Lammers: Y; David Huenink: Y.

Let these minutes show that the commitment of funding is an estimated amount based on the quote provided by Bertram Communications in 2022, in-kind fund amounts committed by Bertram Communications in 2022, and the amount listed in the request for proposal issued by Sheboygan County in 2024.

9. CEDAR GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT:

Motion by Stapel, seconded by Hamilton, to approve the changes to the draft Cedar Grove Fire Department agreement between the Town of Holland and the Village of Cedar Grove as presented at the March 25, 2024 board meeting; the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. PUBLIC INPUT:

- a. Chair Huenink provided an update to the Town Board about changes to the previously discussed assessment phase of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Culvert Inventory and Assessment Program. The update only affects the assessment portion of the program, which towns have no responsibility for.

- b. Chair Huenink asked Town Board supervisors to contact him about any requests for committee assignment changes for the upcoming term.
- c. Chair Huenink, Supervisor Hamilton, and Supervisor Lammers will attend the 2024 Wisconsin Towns Association's (WTA) Spring Roads School conference from April 29 through May 1, 2024. The WTA has requested that Towns donate an item of approximately \$50 in value to an auction to be held at the conference to raise funds for scholarships. The Town Board discussed a few local product options that could be used for the donation.

11. ADJOURN:

Motion by Lammers, seconded by Hamilton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm; the motion carried by voice vote.