

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Mike Hoffman, Jerome Pedretti, Robert Stupi, Kathy Warzynski
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Town Crew Norman Clark

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michaels called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices and an addendum were properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to approve the minutes of May 9th, May 30th and June 1st.

MOTION carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS TO PAY

The May Treasurer's report was reviewed. The bills to pay were reviewed. Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to approve the June bills in the amount of \$115,795.19. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Patrick Barlow, County Supervisor, reported they should have a new Solid Waste Director within the month and that there was a fire at the landfill, which was handled quickly. The Executive Committee has approved the La Crosse Bluffland program and noted they will be looking for partners. They have also approved a state grant position for a dementia specialist.

PUBLIC WORKS

Truck tool box: Michaels noted the tool box was taken off the Chevy that was traded and does not fit the current truck. Norman Clark, Town Crew, reported they found another tool box in cold storage. Discussion followed. Motion by Stupi/Warzynski to authorize selling both tool boxes from trucks that the Town does not have any more. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Truck repairs: Clark reported they are waiting to get scheduled for repair of the radiator.

ATC road agreement: Warzynski reported she and Clerk Pedretti met with ATC, Xcel and the general contractor last Thursday about the upcoming powerline construction. She pointed out the new permit form, the draft road agreement awaiting ATC's approval and the need for an updated video-graph of the proposed ten roads to be accessed. Discussion followed.

Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to approve up to \$1,000 for video recording the state of the current Town roads proposed to be used by ATC for powerline installation.

MOTION carried unanimously.

Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to allow Marilyn Pedretti to discuss with the Town attorney the best approach for both the general contractors and subcontractors to agree to our Road Upgrade and Maintenance Agreement. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Warzynski suggested someone should be responsible for oversight of the powerline construction road access. Discussion followed. It was the consensus that the Town Crew will track the activity and report any road damage.

Updates: Clark reviewed a written Town Crew report and answered questions.

Snow plow for pick-up truck: Discussion followed concerning the two quotes received for a snow plow to be attached to the Dodge Ram truck. Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to go with Michaels Truck Equipment for our snow plow for the pick-up truck in the amount of \$5,885. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION

Zoning Petition 2012: Leroy Wipf, W8043 Vermeer Street, Holmen, on behalf of Jay Just, W6836 County Road T, requested a rezone from General Ag District and General Ag District deed restrictions not recorded to the Rural District. Stupi explained the petition and reported the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval. Motion by Stupi/Warzynski to approve Zoning Petition 2012 to rezone from the General Ag District and General Ag District deed restrictions not recorded to the Rural District. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Zoning Petition 2013: Jim Webb, PE, 1224 King Street, La Crosse, acting on behalf of Karl Schilling d/b/a/ Property Logic, 2435 Hauser St, La Crosse, requested a rezone of property at N7757 Amsterdam Prairie Road from the Commercial District with conditions recorded to the Commercial District with no conditions. Stupi explained the petition and the concerns with outside storage and parking. Karl Schilling, 2435 Hauser Street, said they are trying to meet everyone's needs while leaving their options open. He indicated the stipulations set by the Plan Commission seemed adequate. Jim Webb, 1224 King Street, said they were looking to do more than just storage on this property. Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to approve this [petition 2013] with the two conditions recommended with temporary 30 days or less outside storage and permanent storage behind fencing. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Zoning Appeal: Jim Webb, PE, 1224 King Street, La Crosse, acting on behalf of Karl Schilling d/b/a/ Property Logic, 2435 Hauser St, La Crosse, requested a variance from the side-yard requirement of 25' to 12' for property at N7757 Amsterdam Prairie Road. Stupi explained the petition and noted how it fit within the Town's Commercial Ordinance to push buildings to the exterior of the property to act as screening and with parking in the interior. Stupi asked about the front-yard setback as depicted on the Zoning petition. Webb noted they are not asking for a front-yard variance. Discussion followed. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to approve the Zoning Variance for the side yard allowing 12' setback for property at N7757 Amsterdam Prairie Road. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Amendment #3 to Ordinance #5-2007 Dog Control: Warzynski explained the changes to the ordinance. This item will return next month for the 2nd and final reading.

County Zoning Text Amendment - Household Livestock: Stupi explained that the Zoning text amendment to allow for household livestock passed the County and awaits ratification from 51% of the Towns within 40 days. Brian O'Neil, N8327 McWain Drive, noted he has submitted paperwork from three cities that have not had issues with allowing chickens in the residential district. He explained their purchase of an Amish barn which housed two chickens and was ordered removed by County Zoning. Kathy O'Neil, N8327 McWain Drive, noted chickens are quiet, eat ticks and lay eggs. Discussion followed. Stupi reported the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval. Motion by Warzynski/J Pedretti that we approve the text amendment for the household livestock. **MOTION** carried 4 to 1 (Hoffman).

DOT Recommendations for Highway 35: Stupi explained the request from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) for input concerning upgrades to the U.S. Highway 35 corridor from Highway 53 to the county line. He reported the Plan Commission

discussed and made several short-term and long-term recommendations. Discussion followed. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to recommend to the DOT in the long term a round-about at County Road XX and Amsterdam Prairie Road and short-term provide for deceleration lanes at Amsterdam Prairie Road and as advisory in the long term to recommend roundabouts on their designated places from Amsterdam Prairie Road to the entrances on Highway 35 ramps and in short term for deceleration lanes in these access points as well. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Grass and weed control: Stupi explained the Town discussed developing an ordinance in 2008 to regulate the height of grass and the issues that arose and that the Plan Commission determined at that time to limit to regulating noxious weeds and established a Weed Commissioner. He reviewed a survey of other municipalities in the County and whether they regulate grass height. Stupi reported the Plan Commission unanimously recommended keeping with current policy. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to leave “as is”.

Report on 6/6/18 meeting: Stupi reported several items were tabled due to lengthy agenda. He noted that due to the holiday, the July meeting was moved to Thursday, July 5th.

FIRE BOARD

Update on fire truck purchase: J Pedretti reviewed the discussion held at the Fire Board last week and that Holland voted against the financing option presented. Discussion followed concerning process.

Ladder truck financing: Discussion followed concerning options for a loan. Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to authorize the Clerk to request an application [from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands] for a loan of \$286,959.67 to be repaid in two years. **MOTION** carried 4 to 1 (Stupi).

Report on 5/17/18 and 6/17/18 meetings: J Pedretti reported that other than the ladder truck discussion, he submitted paperwork to Fire Board members outlining the legal requirement to form a fire commission.

REPORT: TDA TOUR

Warzynski reported on the Transportation Development Association tour held May 15th which she and Hoffman attended. She noted they rode a school bus and were made aware of the additional maintenance costs that are being added and hauling limitations due to the condition of our local roads. Supervisor Barlow explained some possible funding options available at the County level.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Michaels reported the following liquor licenses applications:

Class “B” Combined: Drugan’s Castle Mound Supper Club and Golf Course

Class “B” Beer: Holmen Rod & Gun Club and Gunslick Trap Club

Class “A” Beer and Class “A” Liquor (off-premise): Whispering Pines Campground

Motion by J Pedretti/Warzynski to approve the liquor license renewals as presented. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

OPERATOR’S LICENSES (for service of alcohol)

Clerk Pedretti provided a list of 21 applicants. Motion by Hoffman/Stupi to approve the operator’s licenses as follows:

Holmen Rod & Gun Club:

Hansen, Bruce – W5715 Baker Rd, Holmen

Hansen, Jeffrey – N8381 US Hwy 53, Holmen

Kaatz, Lawrence – W8414 Northshore Dr, Onalaska
Kaatz, Zachery – 117 E. Legion St, Holmen
McCoy, Jeffery – N7543 Dutch Ave, Holmen
Nagel, Craig – 1104 Hanson Rd, Onalaska

Holmen Gunslick:

Erickson, Jon, 3007 S. Meadowlark Lane, Holmen
Esterle, Stephen – 2612 Lakeshore Dr, La Crosse
Kopp, Mark – W17347 Crystal Valley Rd, Galesville
Miehl, Kenneth – 3006 Heritage Lane, Holmen

Drugan's Castle Mound:

Beatty, Alyssa – N9055 Aspeslet Rd, Holmen
Benton, Layne – 22874 S. Pine Street, Ettrick
Berg, Shawn – 205 8th Avenue So, Onalaska
Drugan, Keegan – W7567 Castle Mound Rd, Holmen
Ganrude, Chris – 307 Church Dr, La Crosse
Mashak, Brook – 619 McHugh Rd #7, Holmen
Peterson, Austin – 606 Meadow Ct, Holmen
Rechtzigel, Stefan – 604 Pierce St, Onalaska
Stone, Rochelle – 527 8th Ave So, Onalaska
Thomas, Zachery – 904 Oak Ave No, Onalaska

MOTION carried unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA

Clerk Pedretti reported the bid opening for the Heram Road reconstruction will take place at Jewell Associates Engineers on Monday, June 18th and the Board will need to take official action shortly after. It was the consensus to hold a special meeting Wednesday, June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Hoffman/Warzynski to enter closed session under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(g) to confer "...with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved." To wit: discuss strategy as concerns the ATC Badger Coulee Transmission Line. Roll call vote: **MOTION** carried unanimously. Entered closed session at 8:37 p.m. Clerk Pedretti was asked to remain. Attorney Frank Jablonski was connected on speaker phone at 8:41 p.m. and excused at 8:55 p.m.

Returned to open session at 9:08 p.m. No action taken during Closed Session.

Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to not pursue the case against the transmission lines any further. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti
Town Clerk