

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Jeff Herlitzke, Mike Hoffman, Jerome Pedretti, Robert Stupi
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Town Crew John Frauenkron

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to approve the two sets of minutes of July 10, 2019. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Mary Lin Wershofen, W6610 Schilling Road, thanked the Town for their commitment seven years ago to the community center and noted that the current gift from the Skogens would not have happened without the Board's support.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Matt Nikolay, County Board Supervisor, reported that the County will take up the road funding of an additional \$5 million increase per year through borrowing. He noted if that passes, it will move up the County Road XX project to planning in 2020 with possible construction in 2022. Nikolay also reported they will be voting on the City of La Crosse's request to assist in funding the upgrade to the La Crosse Center. Michaels thanked the County for road upgrade on Highway 35 by Prairie View school.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mower repair/replacement: Michaels reviewed the background paperwork concerning costs of repairs and costs of new/used mowers. Discussion followed. Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to spend up to \$2,500 for the rotary Woods mower with St. Joseph Equipment provided it has a slip clutch. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Security Cameras: Michaels explained the issue with illegal dumping in the compost area. Discussion followed concerning the various quotes. Stupi suggested eliminating the compost area, with residents taking their yard waste to the County Landfill and saving \$5,000 a year on disposal. Discussion followed. Herlitzke will check into a wireless option.

Town crew updates: John Frauenkron, Town Crew, reviewed the written staff report. J. Pedretti asked if they have checked for tree limbs along the bus routes and Frauenkron said they are in process of trimming. Michaels reported a high amount of chipping calls this month.

Drainage easements brush removal: Clerk Pedretti explained her meeting on site and the proposal by Johnson Operations to remove brush and stumps from the drainage easement behind Homestead Court and along Sunrise Lane. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Hoffman to approve Johnson Operations to do the [easement] clearing for up the \$1,500. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION

Property Logic rezone: Stupi reported the Plan Commission discussed the petition by Property Logic LLC, at N7757 Amsterdam Prairie Road, to rezone 1.68 acres from Commercial

with Conditions to Commercial with No Conditions. He noted this petition was approved in June 2018 but the applicant failed to file the deed restriction within 30 days. Karl Schilling, representing Property Logic, was present to answer questions. Stupi reported the Plan Commission unanimously approved with the three conditions from 2018: (1) Permanent outdoor storage within fenced area is allowed; (2) temporary storage (deliveries, equipment drop-off, etc.) outside of fenced areas is authorized and limited to 30 consecutive days only; and (3) these deed restrictions shall be recorded within 30 days of county board action if approved or this zoning petition shall be considered void. Stupi further noted that the outside storage issues should be resolved with these conditions. Motion by Herlitzke/Stupi to approve the rezone with the three conditions for the zoning petition for Property Logic LLC. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Adamson easement request: Stupi reported the Town Board held a special meeting on July 10th to discuss the 1979 Certified Survey Map and all the property owners were in attendance. He reported the Plan Commission discussed this and recommended allowing the easement to all applicable lots and require maintenance agreements at the same time or prior to issuing building permits. Cordell Adamson, N8210 Amsterdam Prairie Road, reported he met with the neighbors and he is willing to upgrade the gravel. Discussion followed concerning addresses (all would be Amsterdam Prairie Road), establishing an area for refuse/recycling carts and maintaining a fire lane. Stupi reviewed some sample agreements and a copy was provided to the Adamsons. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to approve the easement request by the Adamsons allowing access easement to all nine lots in the 1979 CSM and that they need to have a maintenance agreement prior to issuing building permits. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Drainage issues/mitigation update: Stupi reported the Plan Commission recommended contacting some engineers concerning the drainage issues on Bittersweet and the Bice Avenue areas. The Town engineer gave a list of possible engineers. Discussion followed. Motion by Hoffman/Stupi to go out to all four engineers for “Request for Proposals” on the drainage issues of Bice and Bittersweet. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 8/7/19 meeting: Stupi reviewed the stormwater data and noted the infiltration appears to be working. He suggested discontinuing the data collection. Stupi invited the Board to the October 2nd emergency management exercise (7 p.m.).

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Burning ordinance: Fire Chief Buck Manley asked for clarification concerning the Town’s burning ordinance. Discussion followed. Manley will research additional history and trends.

Fee for fire permits: Manley asked for input from the Town on possibly charging a burning permit fee and/or offering other options like an annual permit. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Fireworks permits: Clerk Pedretti provided background information from the Wisconsin Towns Association. Manley expressed concern with the amount of fireworks and permits issued in the three municipalities. Discussion followed. The clerk will research further details. No action taken.

2020 preliminary budget: Chief Manley is still developing the 2020 budget and will provide a preliminary budget next week at the Holmen Area Fire Department board meeting.

Report on 7/17/19 meeting: No minutes were available.

PARK COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to appoint Karen Durnin to the Parks Committee. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

COULEE REGION JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT

Hoffman reported the Town has until September 30th to decide whether to continue to stay in the municipal court. Discussion followed concerning costs and services available. No action taken. Hoffman will research further and report next month.

CELL TOWER LEASE

The Board reviewed the cell tower (to the west of the Town Hall) lease amendment proposal. Motion by Stupi/Herlitzke to approve the request by Tower Alliance to extend the lease to three additional five-year terms with the new terms as shown on the contract [dated 7/25/19]. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

2020 TOWN BUDGET

Michaels asked the Board to meet in September to begin the 2020 budget process. It was the consensus to meet on Wednesday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND BILLS TO PAY

The July Treasurer’s report and August invoices were reviewed. Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to approve the bills in the amount of \$142,709.79. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FUTURE AGENDA: none given.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to enter closed session under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(c) for: “...consideration of employment, compensation or performance evaluation data...” of Town employees, to wit: employee duties and performance evaluations. Roll call vote: **MOTION** carried unanimously. Entered closed session at 8:28 p.m.

Returned to open session at 9:14 p.m. No action taken during Closed Session.

Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to offer the crew supervisor position to John with a \$1 an hour pay increase. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by Herlitzke/J Pedretti to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk