

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Ben Filter, Jeff Herlitzke, Steve Mieden and Jerome Pedretti
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michaels called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notices were posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve minutes of March 10th and 23rd, 2021. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Ivy Noffke, N7105 Bice Avenue, noted that this was Steve Michaels last night and wanted to recognize him for his leadership on the Town Board and Plan Commission. She thanked him for his support and work on the drainage issues that affected their family. Noffke extended thanks, on behalf of the Town residents, to his family for supporting his commitment to the Town residents.

Jared Noffke, N7105 Bice Avenue, also thanked Michaels for his 14 years in Town government and for his work starting the stormwater utility program.

Mike Arneson, representing the Stephenson Family, thanked Michaels for his leadership, Clerk Pedretti for her assistance in the process and for the Plan Commission and Town Board for their support of the family donation for a park for future generations.

Stan Hauser, W5890 County Road S, on behalf of the Town of Onalaska, thanked Michaels and J Pedretti for their service on the Fire Board and looks forward to continued good relationships between the communities.

Rolly Bogart, N6969 Sunrise Trail, stated it was a pleasure working with Michaels on the Town of Onalaska Board for many years and the joint Fire Board.

Mark Kloss, W7917 August Avenue (via zoom), thanked J Pedretti and Michaels for their service on the board and their help during the past flooding event.

Chad Monty, W7963 August Avenue (via zoom), echoed his thanks to Michaels and J Pedretti and appreciated their leadership and service.

Lukasz Lyzwa, General Engineering Company (via zoom), also thanked Michaels and J Pedretti for the opportunity of working with them on stormwater and wished them well.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Clerk Pedretti relayed an email sent by Pam Viner, County Board Supervisor.

PUBLIC WORKS

Arborvitaes at Town Hall: Herlitzke reported the Town crew expressed concerns that the arborvitaes along the parking lot are over grown and old. Discussion followed. It was

the consensus to cut the bushes at ground level and mound with wood chips. Herlitzke was asked to check with Johnson Operations for any other options.

Pedestrian crossing McGilvray Road: Clerk Pedretti reviewed a memo outlining the concerns and options. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to install signage at the driveway intersection but not paint the road.

Radar reports: Filter reported on the radar speed sign data from Old NA east, Old NA west and Prairie Woods Street and noted with school back in session the traffic counts are increasing. He noted the data does not support a stop sign on Prairie Woods Street. He is coordinating with the County Sheriff's department concerning peak speeding time on Old NA. Discussion followed concerning obtaining additional radar signs and the Clerk will research pricing options.

Town crew report: Michaels reviewed the written crew report.

PLAN COMMISSION

Zoning variance: WITHDRAWN AT APPLICANTS REQUEST. Joshua and Nicole Abramczak, N8073 Amsterdam Prairie Road, requested a variance to construct a detached accessory building that would exceed the area and height limit on their parcel.

Comprehensive Plan Update: Clerk Pedretti reported the draft Comprehensive Plan 2021-2040 update was posted on the web page and the public hearing notice was published which is scheduled for May 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Report on 4/7/21 meeting: Michaels noted all was covered.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Advisory referendum results: Clerk Pedretti reported of the 885 voters: 515 said yes, 319 said no and 51 voters did not express an opinion on the advisory referendum question for a special charge of \$75 a year per household for fire protection and emergency services. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to hold any decisions until the Fire Department consultant work has been completed.

Report on 3/17/21 meeting: Michaels reported the Fire Board has been working with a consultant and discussing possible shared services with the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska. Patrick Barlow, President Village of Holmen, stated this was a good opportunity for the three municipalities to evaluate the options to run a smooth department. Michaels reported the Fire Chief is on administrative leave as of Monday.

STORMWATER UTILITY

Update on 3/23/21 workshop: Lukasz Lyzwa, Project Engineer, General Engineering Company (via zoom), reported on the March 23rd workshop. He noted the resolution will set up the Plan Commission to serve as the Stormwater Utility, which will be tasked with reviewing the Ordinance and sending it to the Town Board for two readings.

Resolution: Clerk Pedretti read the following into the record:

RESOLUTION #2021-8

A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE THE CREATION OF A TOWN STORMWATER UTILITY

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the management of stormwater and other surface water discharges within and beyond its borders is a matter that affects the public health, safety, and welfare of the Town, its residents, businesses, and others in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the cost of operating and maintaining the Town stormwater management system, ensuring regulatory

compliance, and financing necessary plans, studies, repairs, replacements, improvements, and extension thereof should, to the extent practicable, be allocated in relationship to the services provided by, and benefits received from, the system; and

***WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds that the present system of financing stormwater management functions and facilities through general tax levies allocates the costs based on the value and taxability of property without any direct relationship to the impact such properties have on the cost of stormwater management; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Town Board finds that financing construction and operation of stormwater management facilities and other functions shall be managed by another committee.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Holland does hereby authorize the Town of Holland Plan Commission and its members to initiate the process of creating a Stormwater Utility within the Town of Holland. The Plan Commission shall prepare and submit for Town Board approval all necessary legal documentation including, but not limited to, future Utility Ordinances, budget, long-term maintenance and master planning.*

Dated this 14th day of April, 2021.

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve Resolution 2021-8 a resolution to initiate the creation of a Town stormwater utility. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

WTA DISTRICT MEETING: Clerk Pedretti provided a written report. No discussion given.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Michaels stated he was comfortable with returning to rent the hall to small groups and, with the discontinuance of the state mask mandate, people should be able to have parties. Discussion followed and it was the consensus to allow rentals. Discussion followed concerning the office and it was the consensus to allow the clerk to use her discretion when allowing entry into the office. Filter suggested the Town continue to monitor the numbers and adjust when needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

The March Treasurer's report and April invoices were reviewed. Motion by Mieden/Filter to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and pay the bills of April 14, 2021 in the amount of \$68,339.62. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Clerk Pedretti noted the annual town electors meeting is next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Filter thanked J Pedretti and Michaels for their service. He appreciated working with them and for their work in showing him the ropes. Herlitzke thanked both board members for their service and for all their personal time. Mieden thanked J Pedretti for his level-headed attitude and his service. He thanked Michaels for his leadership and invited all to a light reception following the meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mieden/Herlitzke to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk