

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Ben Filter, Jeff Herlitzke, Steve Mieden and Kathy Warzynski
STAFF PRESENT	Town Crew Supervisor John Frauenkron, Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve the minutes as presented. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Tiffany Lein, N6855 Sand Prairie Court, expressed her concern with the speed of traffic and safety with the number of little kids in their subdivision. She asked for assistance or ideas of ways to slow down traffic.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Matt Nikolay, County Board Supervisor, reported they hired a new Highway Commissioner and Emergency Services Coordinator, both current employees of La Crosse County. He noted the County is working on redistricting and Federal recovery fund ideas.

STORMWATER UTILITY COMMISSION

Ordinance 3-2021: Stormwater Utility Ordinance (first reading): Warzynski reported the Stormwater Utility Commission (SWU) has worked to develop an ordinance that is fit and appropriate for our Town. She noted some of the changes they made to the original draft. Stupid noted some of the administrative and Town crew expenses will need to be clarified. Discussion followed. Warzynski noted they are still researching the special charge and how that will affect the levy limit. Motion by Mieden/Filter to by-pass to the second reading of #3-2021 Stormwater Utility Ordinance. Discussion followed. **MOTION** failed 4 to 1 (Mieden). Item will be listed on September agenda.

Report 8/4/21 meeting: Warzynski reviewed the minutes from August 4th. She listed some cost estimates received from the County Highway Department to clean ditches/culverts.

STEPHENSON FARMSTEAD PARK DEDICATION

Ruth Scholze, President of the Friends of the McGilvray Road, thanked the Town Board for their speed and ease in working with the family to develop the Stephenson Farmstead park and for the funding assistance in repairing a bridge this year. She reported Mike Arneson will be in town August 31-September 1 and the Friends group has suggested a park dedication in partnership with the Town. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to hold a dedication ceremony at 4:00 on Tuesday, August 31st. Scholze and the Town Clerk will work out details for a brief program.

PUBLIC WORKS

Casberg Coulee Road bridge: Stupi explained the current Casberg Coulee bridge rating is outdated and a new survey would assist in obtaining grant funding. Motion by Herlitzke/Mieden to approve the authorization to sign an agreement for professional services with SEH Inc. in the amount of \$2,800. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Signs for loose gravel: Stupi noted the Town received several complaints about gravel on roads and the County suggested signage to alert motorists. Discussion followed. Motion by Mieden/Herlitzke to approve the purchase of ten signs for “loose gravel” for a total amount of \$2,140. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Radar reports: Filter reported on his brief review of the data. Discussion followed. Town Crew Supervisor John Frauenkron was directed to move the radar sign to Sand Prairie Court. Lein asked what some recommendations would be after reviewing the data. Filter noted that if there is a pattern of speeding, the Town will contact the County Sheriff for enforcement and noted with other roads there are a few outliers but a majority are within the speed limit. Discussion followed.

Town crew report: John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, reviewed his written report.

PLAN COMMISSION

Zoning Variance - Lee: Arlan J. Lee o/b/o Good Boy Inc., W6526 Orchard Lane, Onalaska, requested a variance to retain a 2,100 square foot accessory building, exceeding area limits on a .8 acre parcel at W7130 Heram Road. Warzynski reported this property was non-conforming when the previous owner built the shed without completing an attached house. She noted that 768 square feet is allowed for a detached accessory building. Warzynski reported the Plan Commission recommended denial. Lee explained that he was not aware of the non-conformance before purchasing the property and wants to continue to use for personal storage. Discussion followed concerning proof of hardship, compliance options and seller disclosure. Motion by Mieden/Warzynski to deny the zoning variance request from Arlan Lee, o/b/o Good Boy Inc., W6526 Orchard Lane. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit – Hanson: Dan Hanson, W7800 A. Johnson Road, requested a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to construct a cabin for transient or temporary residential use of the landowner in accordance with section (5) Exclusive Ag District. Hanson (via zoom) explained his request would allow for a cabin with a deed restriction on a 35 acre Base Farm Tract (BFT). Warzynski reported the Plan Commission discussed the BFT requirements, adherence to the Comprehensive Plan and zoning requirements. She reported they recommended approval. Stupi pointed out the Town’s ordinance regulating short-term rentals was emailed to the applicant for future reference. Motion by Mieden/Herlitzke to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Dan Hanson, W7800 A. Johnson Road to construct a cabin for transient or temporary residential use of the landowner. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 8/4/21 meeting: Warzynski reviewed the minutes from August 4th.

AD-HOC BROADBAND COMMITTEE

Herlitzke reported they are trying to work with Charter and noted the grant requirements are beyond our reach and will require provider cooperation. Discussion followed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stupi introduced La Crosse Fire Chief Gilliam. Gilliam stated he is available should anyone have questions and thanked the Town for their faith in partnering with the City. Stupi reviewed the minutes of July 20th. Warzynski asked about the dissolution of the fire fighters fund. Gilliam explained the 501(c)(3) status with the State of Wisconsin and that they are moving towards larger funding options like grant requests.

PARK COMMITTEE

Holland Estates ballfield update: Filter reported he is working with Mike Flury. He noted Mathy is donating fillings and there is still discussion on hauling options. He reported the area is staked and Flury will be shooting grades and the hauling will start soon.

Bike/Pedestrian planning agreement: Filter reported the consulting services for a bike/ped plan would range from \$25,000 to \$45,000 with a Town commitment between \$5,000 and \$9,000. Peter Fletcher, Executive Director, La Crosse Area Planning Committee, reviewed the process and availability of funding assistance. Discussion followed. Filter asked that the County be involved since some of the routes will include county roads. Fletcher suggested including neighboring entities. Stupi suggested including ATV options. Filter reported both the Ad-hoc Trail Committee and Park Committee recommended approval. Motion by Filter/Mieden to sign an agreement with La Crosse Area Planning Committee to assist in consulting services to develop a bike/pedestrian plan for the Town of Holland. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 7/21/21 meeting: Filter reviewed the minutes from the July 21st meeting.

LAPC

Intermunicipal agreement: Fletcher explained that now that Holland is a dues-paying member, the intermunicipal agreement and by-laws need to be updated. He noted those by-laws will not supersede the Town's obligation and explained some of the benefits to membership. Motion by Mieden/Filter to authorize Bob to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Bluffland Coalition: Fletcher gave background on the Bluffland Coalition, which was formed in 2017. He noted there are no funding obligations to join but rather this would provide an avenue to get the communities on the same page. Motion by Herlitzke/Filter to participate in the Bluffland Coalition. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Facebook account: Stupi reported the Facebook account has been updated and they are working with the website developer to get it linked on our web page. He noted an agenda item for next month would be to discuss a Facebook policy.

Covid-19 update: Stupi reported the numbers are going up in the county and asked how the Board wished to proceed. No changes suggested at this time.

Open meeting law: Stupi noted the members received information in their packet from the Wisconsin Towns Association concerning open meetings and emails. Discussion followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

The July Treasurer's report and August invoices were reviewed. Stupi noted he provided the crew with a used Stihl trimmer and that reimbursement was part of the August invoices. Motion by Herlitzke/Filter to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and pay the month's expenses in the amount of \$37,408.64. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mieden asked for an agenda item on traffic enforcement and possible contracting for services.

ADJOURN

Motion by Herlitzke/Filter to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk