

## TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2021

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

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stupi called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Notices were posted.

### MINUTES

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve the minutes of August 11, 2021 as presented. **MOTION** carried.

**CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** none given.

**COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT:** none given.

### STORMWATER UTILITY COMMISSION

Public hearing: Stupi noted one citizen spoke in favor.

Ordinance 3-2021: Stormwater Utility Ordinance (second reading): Stupi explained his concern with the levy adjustment required by law, which is to subtract from our levy limit the expenses from 2013 of approximately \$16,000. Discussion followed concerning the general fund and the stormwater charge as a separate fund. Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve Ordinance #3-2021 Stormwater Utility Ordinance. **MOTION** carried 3 to 1 (Stupi).

Report 9/1/21 meeting: Commissioner Ron Knapmiller reviewed the minutes from their September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. He reported they are investigating the possibility of an intern to assist with the culvert and ditch inventory. Knapmiller also noted they may pursue grant funding.

### PLAN COMMISSION

Conditional Use Permit – Wright: Tonia Wright, W7091 Gaarder Road, requested relocating a building site from prior administratively approved building site for an approximately 34 acre parcel (#8-324-0 on Flaten Road, north of N7825 Flaten Rd). Commissioner Knapmiller reported that once the initial confusion with the mapping was cleared up, all appeared in order and they unanimously recommended approval. Motion by Mieden/Herlitzke to approve Conditional Use Permit for Tonia Wright, W7091 Gaarder Road, to relocate a building site from prior administratively approved building site for parcel 8-324-0, an approximately 34 acre parcel. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Rezone Petition - Bruha: Steven Bruha, Alan Bruha, et al, W6698 County Road T, requested a rezone of parcels 8-117-1, 8-118-1, 8-121-0 and 8-122-0 from General Agricultural Zoning District to the Rural Zoning District. Knapmiller reported the rezone had no opposition and it fell within the Town's parameters so the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval. Filter noted if they sell parcel 8-122-0, that would make parcel 8-117-1 non-compliant and create a land-locked parcel. Steve Bruha responded they were aware of the need for an easement should they sell the parcel. Motion by Filter/Herlitzke to approve the rezone petition for Steven Bruha, Alan Bruha, et al, of W6698

County Road T, requested a rezone of parcels 8-117-1, 8-118-1, 8-121-0 and 8-122-0 from General Agricultural to the Rural Zoning District. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Driveway Variance 2021-1: Brandon & Naomi Schaller, N8439 McWain Drive, requested a variance to exceed 24' driveway width required under Ordinance 3-2003. Knapmiller reported the Plan Commission adhered to the letter from the Town engineer and they unanimously recommended denial. Brandon Schaller referred to his email sent to Board members yesterday and reported his surrounding neighbors approved of this request. Discussion followed concerning existing driveways that are in violation of the Town's ordinance, culvert maintenance, culvert length, stormwater run-off, proof of hardship and whether the current driveway ordinance was too restrictive. Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve the request for Driveway Variance 2021-1 for Brandon & Naomi Schaller, N8439 McWain Drive, a variance to exceed 24' driveway width. **MOTION** failed 2 yes (Filter/Mieden) to 2 no (Herlitzke/Stupi).

Consensus was to send the Driveway Ordinance to the Plan Commission for review.

Report on 9/1/21 meeting: Knapmiller reported in addition to the petitions, they reviewed the Emergency Management Plan.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Ladder Truck: Stupi reported Fire Chief Gilliam was unable to attend tonight and asked this item be deferred until the next meeting.

Report on 8/17/21 meeting: Stupi reviewed the minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. He noted they ratified the collective bargaining agreement, approved approximately \$41,000 in department needs and are discussing the option of selling the ladder truck in exchange for two fire engines.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Flaten Road drainage: Stupi explained the drainage issues after the last torrential rain in two areas along Flaten Road. He reported on the La Crosse County Highway Department's cost estimates to repair. Town Crew Supervisor John Frauenkron explained the work the crew did to shore up several spots. Discussion followed and it was the consensus to address the culvert issue at this time. Motion by Herlitzke/Filter to approve La Crosse County to do repairs not to exceed \$5,600 if a culvert needs to be replaced or not to exceed \$3,000 if the culvert is good. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Moe Coulee Road flex beam: Stupi reported the beam along Moe Coulee Road has rotted. He noted the County Highway estimate to replace with a flex beam and safety ends would be for budget year 2022. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Filter to approve the expenditure to replace the flex beam on Moe Coulee Road with the cost not to exceed \$24,000 with work to be completed in 2022. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Radar reports: Filter reported there was a platform data update that needs to be downloaded so no report this month. He noted the sign from Hanson was moved to Sylvester and the sign from Old NA west was moved to Wildflower. The Clerk was directed to contact the County Sheriff Department for enforcement information.

Town crew report: Frauenkron reviewed his written report. He noted the 3-point hitch broke and will need to be repaired. Discussion followed concerning retention ponds and the possibility of adjusting to allow for milkweed and wildflower growth.

## **AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

Broadband: Herlitzke reported they met on August 18<sup>th</sup> and that he has been in discussion with Spectrum. Herlitzke detailed the need for data gathering to provide a better picture of the need in the area, especially east of Highway 53.

Trail Development: Filter reported they met on August 25<sup>th</sup>. He noted the LAPC grant is moving forward and that each member reported on their respective assignments. Filter stressed the need for the County's awareness for inter-connectedness as they prepare their Comprehensive Plan.

### **BLUFFLAND INITIATIVE**

Motion by Filter/Mieden to authorize the Town Chair to sign the MOU of the Bluffland Coalition Regarding the Bluffland Initiatives. **MOTION** carried unanimously

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATION**

Stephenson Park dedication: Stupi reported the event on August 31<sup>st</sup> was well attended and shared a thank you card from Ruth Scholze, President of the Friends of the McGilvray Road. He thanked the Town crew for their efforts in getting the park ready.

Social Media Policy: Stupi reported on some of the posts recently added to the Facebook page. He noted that only the Chair and the Clerk were authorized to make posts. The Clerk was directed to draft a policy based on the sample provided in the packet.

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.

2022 Budget workshop: It was the consensus to hold a 2022 budget workshop on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS**

The August Treasurer's report and September invoices were reviewed. Motion by Mieden/Filter to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and pay the September bills in the amount of \$189,023.40. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Social media policy, driveway ordinance, speed enforcement.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Mieden/Filter to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk