

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Nikole Hauser, Jeff Herlitzke, Kathy Warzynski and David Weber
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 properly posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Hauser/Weber to approve the minutes of October 12th and October 24th. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Carrie Ewing, N9287 Mark Trail, requested an agenda item be added to remove the “no weapons” sign from the front door of the building. Stupi said they will consider it next month.

Doug Klenke, N6954 Sunrise Lane, offered if the Town has a need for extra help, he is sponsoring an individual for community service.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT: none given.

PUBLIC WORKS

Snowmobile Routes:

- (1) Paul Sobkowiak, W6480 County Road V, spoke on behalf of the snowmobile club, and explained the safety need for a sign along a curve near the game farm on Flaten Road. Discussion followed. Motion by Weber/Warzynski to install a sign post on Flaten Road for the purpose of warning drivers of ATV and snowmobile crossing and the snowmobile club will reimburse the Town for any costs. **MOTION** carried unanimously.
- (2) Brent Zillmer, N6115 Jason Street, president of the snowmobile club, asked the Town to open the bike trail for snowmobile traffic from Sylvester Road to Old 93. He noted this would be safer for drivers to stay on the east side rather than the current route which requires crossing Highway 53. Stupi noted the Town is applying for grant money to pave the bike trail and asked how that would impact the route. Scott Lien, W7722 Old 93, asked that trail remain gravel and noted that when groomed by the snowmobile club, the amount of winter users increases. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to allow snowmobile marked trail for use where the bike trail runs from Sylvester to Bluffview. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Gaynor Drive Access: Stupi reported on recent developments with the school district on directing traffic away from the Gaynor Addition. He reported crew member Clark, who lives in the subdivision, surveyed the residents on whether to pursue making the access to County Road MH from Gaynor Drive permanent and closing Sween Drive. He reported the residents were split with the main concern the inability to turn left onto MH. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to have Stupi pursue additional information.

Town Shop: John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, reported they are almost done moving into the new Town shop. Stupi reported the sand storage shed was completed last week.

Metal bench: Frauenkron explained the need for a welding bench and the availability of purchasing a used one from Norm Clark. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to approve purchasing a work bench from Norm in the amount of \$100. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Culvert replacement: Warzynski noted this item was discussed last month and reviewed a quote from SEH to replace a faulty culvert on Sylvester Road. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to approve replacing the culvert on Sylvester Road in the amount of \$19,950. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Town Crew report: Frauenkron reviewed his written report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 budget: Stupi thanked the residents for passing the referendum and noted the Fire Board will be putting the final touches on the budget next week.

HAFD contract: Stupi asked for input concerning updating the Fire Department contract since it will no longer be viable with the Town of Onalaska's withdrawal. Discussion followed.

Report on meetings: Stupi reviewed the calls and reported on the 80 second response with the Kwik Trip fire. He noted they are projecting a \$60,000 shortfall and the Fire Board may need to borrow from the capital account which would be reimbursed next year. Discussion followed. Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to allow the fire department the authority to use capital funds for operational expenses. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Herlitzke reported he and Patrick met with the union and listened to their concerns. He stated they will begin negotiations later this month.

2023 BUDGET, FEES AND NEWSLETTER

2023 budget draft: Pedretti noted that with the passage of the referendum, the budget presented last month is close to ready but will need a little tweaking. It was the consensus to move the budget forward to the public hearing.

2023 fee schedule: Warzynski noted the condo plat unit fees need to be added. It was the consensus to charge \$50 for the compost site key-fob. Pedretti noted the building inspector had some adjustments to his fees. Item will be presented for approval in December.

2023 newsletter: Pedretti pointed out several items that needed fleshing-out. Discussion followed and adjustments were suggested.

Budget hearing: The 2023 budget hearing is set for Monday, November 28th at 6:30.

DOT – HIGHWAY 35 BRIDGE

Stupi reported the DOT is holding a pre-planning meeting on Tuesday, November 15 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. to discuss replacing the bridges on Highway 35 between Holland and Trempealeau.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

The Treasurer's report and invoices were reviewed. Pedretti explained the amended invoice list from October. Motion by Warzynski/Weber to approve the amended bills to pay for October in the amount of \$242,512.16. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Motion by Herlitzke/Warzynski to

accept the Treasurer's report and approve the November monthly expenses in the amount of \$130,177.85. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pedretti reported the Town had an 80% voter turn-out and all went well. She noted she will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to enter into closed session under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for: "...consideration of employment, compensation or performance evaluation data..." to wit: discussion of duties and compensation for replacing Town crew member. Roll call vote.

MOTION carried unanimously. Frauenkron was asked to remain. Entered into closed session at 7:33 p.m.

Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to return to open session. **MOTION** carried. Returned to open session at 8:30 p.m.

Stupi reported no official action taken during the closed session.

ADJOURN

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti
Town Clerk