

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Bob Stupi, Supervisors Nikole Hauser, Jeff Herlitzke, Mike Hoffman 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 Hoffman/Weber to approve the minutes of April 12th and 19th. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none given.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT: none given.

PUBLIC WORKS

Garfield Road: Stupi explained the request to widen and repair Garfield Road. He reported the estimated cost would be \$172,000 to pulverize with two foot overlay or \$215,000 to add two feet with repavement. Discussion followed. It was the consensus that no money was available in the 2023 budget but this request would be added to future budget discussions.

Waldenberger Road: Stupi explained the request to repair Waldenberger Road. He reported the estimated cost would be \$80,000 to pulverize with repavement or \$20,000 to pulverize with a double chip seal. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to check with the Village and the property owner on future plans for annexation. Item will return next month.

Seal coating: Members reviewed the estimate for seal coating 15 roads from La Crosse County Highway Department. Motion by Herlitzke/Hoffman to approve seal coating and crack filling 15 approved roads for 2023 not to exceed \$150,000. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Compost gate: Herlitzke reported the compost gate is now operational and 200 fobs were sold as of today. Hoffman suggested the opener timing be reduced from 15 to 10 seconds.

April 17th snow storm: Stupi reported the April 17th snow storm caused damage to hundreds of trees and the Town crew spent the day clearing roads while board members plowed. He noted the crew chipped over 150 during a special chipping service two weeks ago and another 111-plus on this month's list. Jerry Heintz, N7318 Casberg Coulee Road, asked about the limbs pushed into the ditches. Stupi said they will be cleaned up by our crew. Steve Eisermann, W6657 Casberg Coulee Road, reported there are multiple trees growing into the road way. Stupi will ask the crew to trim them back.

MH round-about: Stupi reported on a pre-construction meeting with the Village of Holmen, contractors and utilities involved in the round-about construction project. He noted that County Road MH will be closed at Briggs Road starting June 5th and will re-open late August. Stupi reported access to the Gaynor Addition will be on the north side lane of MH and the school district will gate their entrance to alleviate vehicles short-cutting through the neighborhood with school access entering at MH and Amy Drive.

Truck #2 tires: John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, reviewed the quote to replace four tires on the Dodge and explained the three options. Discussion followed. Motion by

Herlitzke/Hauser to approve replace tires on Truck #2 in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.
MOTION carried unanimously.

Casberg Coulee bridge: Stupi gave an overview of the timeline for the Casberg Coulee bridge closure and explained the deterioration between April 10th and April 24th that required both lanes be closed. He reported the bridge received bi-annual sufficiency ratings, that grants have been applied for in the past and that the cost to replace is approximately \$500,000. Stupi met with Senator Brad Pfaff and the Craig Thompson, Secretary of the Department of Transportation, and asked to get in this year's grant cycle, which would cover 100% of the costs. He stressed that safety was the reason for closing the bridge. He opened to public comment.

Paul Olson, W6602 Casberg Coulee Road, asked if this was a culvert or a bridge. Stupi explained about the span and that the state requires it be replaced with a bridge.

Olson expressed his concern with fire trucks and emergency response times.

Mike Koziara, W6531 Casberg Coulee Road, asked if it could be repaired without tearing it out and expressed concern about response times for fire trucks and emergency vehicles with the detour adding 14 minutes. Stupi explained the engineer determined the culvert could collapse at any point.

Jerry Heintz, N7318 Casberg Coulee Road, asked about the condition of the culvert. Stupi explained about the concrete footing, culvert shape, the inversion that is taking place and the bolts that could come undone.

Steve Eisermann, W6657 Casberg Coulee Road, had concerns with emergency response and asked about the weight of the concrete blocks with load distribution. He provided some figures concerning his family's increase expenses due to the detour. He noted the engineer "recommended" closure but did not mandate and asked the Town to consider options to open one lane to traffic.

Jay Bratberg, N7274 Casberg Coulee Road, asked about installing a by-pass. Stupi explained it would require acquisition of land and could disqualify the Town for grants.

Kevin Kiel, W6663 Casberg Coulee Road, talked about the components that make up a bridge, noted the Town may apply but not necessarily be a recipient of a grant, asked why the Town has not earmarked money for anticipated bridge replacement, expressed his concerns with emergency vehicles, suggested a pre-cast culvert could be used to replace the current culvert and the Town could ask local contractors to assist. He asked that the Town use general funds to pay for the repair.

Stupi thanked the residents for their input and the Board will investigate all options and report back next month.

Crew report: John Frauenkron, Town Crew Supervisor, reviewed the written Town Crew report.

Shop open house: Stupi invited everyone to the Town shop open house tomorrow night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. down on XX.

PLAN COMMISSION

Building Code: Hoffman explained a citizen's request to remove "detached accessory buildings" from the Town's building code. He reported the Plan Commission voted unanimously to leave the code "as is". Hoffman explained the need to add language to our Building Code to adhere to state requirements to include camping units. He noted this was a housekeeping issue and reported the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval.

Motion by Herlitzke/Hoffman to leave the Town Building Code for detached accessory buildings “as is”. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to by-pass the first reading of the amendment to Ordinance 1-2016 for camping units. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to approve Amendment #1 to Ordinance 1-2016 Building Code to include the camping structures. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report 5/3/23 meeting: Hoffman had nothing further to report.

PARK COMMITTEE

Pickleball court: Hauser explained a request from a resident to adjust the August Prairie West basketball court to accommodate a pickleball court which would require some additional cement. She noted the committee is still investigating the viability.

Flury Field parking lot: Hauser reported that with a donation of gravel and reduced trucking fees, the total cost to provide a parking lot at Holland Estates Park to accommodate about 20 vehicles would be approximately \$300. Motion by Stupi/Weber to install a parking lot in the Holland Estates park, not to exceed \$350. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Restroom dryers: Hauser reported the Park Committee recommended replacing the hand dryers in the outdoor restrooms for a cost not to exceed \$900 and she noted that did not include the electrical work. Discussion followed. Motion by Weber/Hauser to go ahead to replace the air dryers in the restrooms not to exceed \$1,500. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Wildflower Terrace plans: Hauser reported the Park Committee recommended contracting with Coulee Region Escapes to develop a plan for the Wildflower Terrace park. Doug Klenke, N6954 Sunrise Lane (Park Committee member), noted such a plan would assist with neighborhood involvement. Discussion followed. Herlitzke reiterated that the park budget comes from the powerline funds, which is designated for green space. Motion by Herlitzke/Hauser to contract with Coulee Region Escapes to create a plan for Wildflower Terrace park in an amount not to exceed \$1,500. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report 5/8/23 meeting: Hauser reported they are discussing a request to plant trees along the walking trail in Prairie Woods and the minutes were provided.

Flury Field dedication: Hauser invited everyone to the Flury Field dedication on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

BIKE & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Hauser reported they held their first meeting on May 8th and reviewed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2022. She noted there are 21 action items and reported they decided to take one item at a time and will concentrate on the bike lane along County Road MH.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stupi reported on the fire calls and reviewed the Fire Board minutes of April 18th. He noted the Village representatives have changed to Rod Stanek and Doug Jorstad.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Liquor license renewals: Stupi reported the following will be applying for liquor license renewals: Holmen Rod & Gun Club, Holmen Gunslick, Drugan’s Castle Mound and Whispering Pines Campground.

McGilvray prints: Stupi reported that due to the florescent lighting, the McGilvray prints were fading and so were removed from the Town Hall. Discussion followed on possible placement of the prints. It was the consensus to study further and discuss next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

The Treasurer's report and invoices were reviewed. Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to accept the Treasurer's report and to pay the bills in the amount of \$85,043.63. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda: Casberg Coulee bridge; Koziara asked the Board discuss fire dangers with fireworks permits.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to enter closed session under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(e) for "...deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduct other specified public business..." to wit: discuss a Fire Commission agreement. Roll call vote. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Entered closed session at 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Hoffman/Herlitzke to return to open session. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Stupi reported no action taken during closed session.

ADJOURN

Motion by Herlitzke/Weber to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti
Town Clerk