

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
May 8, 2025**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on May 8, 2025, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Sam Kube, Dawn Kulcinski, Doug Jorstad, Micah Wyss and Travis Elam. Rich Anderson was excused. Also present were Brenner Bertelsen, Lt. Aaron Hintz, Officer Joe Inglett with K9 Ragnar, Joe Haas, Samuel Loughan, Alex Lueck, Chief Collins, Administrator Heinig, Director of Operations & Finance/Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Public Works Director Mezera, Engineer Dahl, Park & Recreation Director Geary and County Supervisor Joe Kovacevich.

Officer Joe Inglett presented new K9 Officer Ragnar to the Board and answered questions regarding the new addition to the Department.

Special Presentation

Joe Haas from Hawkins Ash CPAs presented the 2024 audit, including explaining the purpose and use of an annual audit and offered to answer questions.

Public Comment

Brenner Bertleson, 1005 Saddlewood Street, stated that he was in attendance to ask the Board for consideration to allow him to operate his gunsmithing business in a residential district; currently, Village Ordinances prohibit.

Minutes

Dawn Kulcinski/Travis Elam motioned to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Board meeting and April 15, 2025 Special Board meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Planning Commission

Administrator Heinig remarked on the well thought out discussion held at the April Planning Commission Committee meeting to review the status of the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that they discussed visions, goals and objectives; they will continue forward with the plan with modest updates based on discussions. The document will be presented for further review at a Planning Commission meeting and then will be subject to Board review sometime in late summer/early fall.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Micah Wyss/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the 2025 Microsoft Exchange SE migration from MCS in the amount of \$12,921.00. Trustee Elam inquired as to other options for this change; Administrator Heinig expressed his confidence in our system expert's recommendation. The motion carried 6-0.

Law Enforcement Committee

Travis Elam/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve 2nd of 3rd year lease amount for Flock safety cameras in the amount of \$24,000.00. The motion carried 6-0.

Public Works Committee

No meeting was held.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Sam Kube motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for the amount of \$1,695,151.33. The motion carried 6-0.

Shared Ride Committee

Next meeting will be held in August.

Municipal Court Update

Nothing to report.

Fire Board Report

Informational items only.

Bluffland Coalition Report

Meeting will be held next week.

County Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Kovacevich stated that the County is in the process of discussing the sale of the County farm; they are hoping to proceed with appraisals and continue to consider the best use for the property. He mentioned that road projects are going well and 2026 budget discussions are beginning.

President's Report

President Barlow mentioned that he attended the Mayor's prayer breakfast. He stated that LADCO is in the process of hiring a new director and that he recently met the new UW La Crosse Chancellor.

Other Items before the Board

Board members thanked staff on another great audit year, as well as work on the recent sewer main break.

Director Mezera stated that the new dump truck chassis has been received and looks great; he remarked that it will take almost a year for Universal to outfit the vehicle.

Closed Session

At 8:16 pm, Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute:

Authority: §19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Purpose: Possible property acquisitions

And

Authority: §19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Purpose: Discussion on current employee hiring and negotiations

The motion carried 6-0.

At 9:48 pm, Micah Wyss/Doug Jorstad motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried 6-0.

No action items were required after closed session.

Doug Jorstad/Travis Elam motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 pm. The motion carried 6-0.

Angela A. Hornberg, Director of Operations & Finance/Clerk/Treasurer