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**Village of Holmen
Public Works Committee
January 8, 2026**

Trustee Wyss called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2026. Members present: Elam and Wyss, Anderson was excused absent. Administrator Heinig, DPW/Engineer Dahl, and Assistant DPW/Engineer Mikshowskey were also present.

Motion by Elam, second by Wyss, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2025 meeting – motion passed 2-0.

Public Comment – None

Director's Monthly Report

SEWER

- Doug working on submittal of the 2025 Sludge Hauling Report.

WATER

- Issue with the fluoride scale at Well 5 temporarily fixed. Brian Lee continues working with Hawkins to permanently fix.
- Submitted all requested documentation to DNR for their Sanitary Survey of the Village water facilities.
- Continue to get random dirty water complaints from King's Bluff Estates Subdivision. Citizens have reported to La Crosse County Health Department, and Wisconsin DNR Regional Representative Alex Avelos, I sent detailed email response to reporting citizen. Will continue to monitor.
- Flushing completed on the Liberty Addition continuing the flushing in the Herb & Iris Addition for safe samples. We operate a system valve to isolating the north Village area to protect from surging.

STREETS

- Several minor winter storms throughout the previous month. Employees rotated around as needed to cover holiday breaks and staying in contact throughout their scheduled leave to provide coverage. Recent Retiree Mark Witte has returned in a temporary part time role to help plow snow.
- Fabrication and repair of plow truck at Gerdes Fabricating is complete truck is back in the fleet.
- Moved street equipment into the Public Works storage building at 750 Amy Drive.

STORM

- Village compost site was open for the winter monthly opening on Saturday December 20; 8 residents used the facility.
- Public Works staff spent time on 1/5 and 1/6 opening frozen storm inlets during recent thaw.

ENGINEERING

- North lift station project was bid on 12/19/25.
- Cory completed the 2026 Village Street Reconstruction plans. Bids to be opened on 2/3/26.

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OTHER

- N/A

Action Items

#5 Recommendation to the Village Board for approval of Northside Lift Station & Forcemain Project. DPW/Engineer Dahl presented the bid results of the Northside Lift Station & Forcemain project. The project yielded 4 bidders with Gerke Excavating Inc. achieving the low bid of \$2,243,379.03. The project came in under the estimate. Dahl recommended the board approve this item. Motion to approve by Elam, second by Wyss. Motion Passed 2-0.

#6 Recommendation to the Village Board for approval of Water Utility Truck Purchase. DPW/Engineer Dahl presented the bid for a new water utility truck. The bid is for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab 172" Work Truck in the amount of \$63,484.00. Dahl recommended the board approve this item. Motion to approve by Elam, second by Wyss. Motion Passed 2-0.

#7 Recommendation to the Village Board for approval of WWTP Sludge Piping Bypass. DPW/Engineer Dahl presented the current sludge pipe layout at the WWTP. He went on to describe how the addition of a bypass pipe will allow for maintenance to be completed and also allows for some additional redundancy in the system. The project will cost \$14,541.00. Dahl recommended the board approve this item. Motion to approve by Elam, second by Wyss. Motion Passed 2-0.

Discussion

General items.

Adjourn

Motion by Wyss, second by Elam to adjourn at 5:57 PM – motion passed 2-0.

Chris Dahl
Director of Public Works/Engineer