

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
January 8, 2026**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on January 8, 2026, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Sam Kube, Doug Jorstad, Dawn Kulcinski and Travis Elam. Micah Wyss and Rich Anderson were excused. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Director of Operations & Finance/Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Captain Spears, Public Works Director/Engineer Dahl, Park & Recreation Director Geary, County Supervisor Joe Kovacevich and Attorney Weber.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Dawn Kulcinski/Sam Kube motioned to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025 Board Meeting as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Planning Commission

No meeting was held.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Items were approved at committee, information only.

Law Enforcement Committee

No meeting was held.

Public Works Committee

Travis Elam/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve bid from Gerke Excavating for the Northside Lift Station and Force Main project in the amount of \$2,243,379.03. The motion carried 5-0.

Travis Elam/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve purchase of 2026 Chevy Silverado for the water department from Ewald in the amount of \$63,484.00. The motion carried 5-0.

Travis Elam/Sam Kube motioned to approve purchase of WWTP sludge piping bypass from Winona Mechanical in the amount of \$14,541.00. The motion carried 5-0.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Sam Kube motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for the amount of \$8,099,982.39. The motion carried 5-0.

Shared Ride Committee

Next meeting will be held later this month.

Municipal Court Update

Next meeting will be held later this month.

Fire Board Report

Trustee Elam reported that the department ended 2025 with a record number of calls, totaling 13,070—an increase of nineteen percent over 2024. He noted that Five Bugles recently provided a presentation to the Committee reviewing costs and funding options for a new fire station.

President Barlow reported that he shared with the Committee the estimated tax impact for Town of Holland residents based on current equalized values. He stated that he will be attending a meeting on January 14th with a regional USDA representative to review possible access to grants to help fund the fire station.

Trustee Jorstad complimented Trustees Elam and Barstow for their representation at the Fire Board meeting.

Bluffland Coalition Report

No meeting was held.

County Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Kovacevich provided a summary update from La Crosse County regarding the Pathways Home project, noting that more than 260 individuals have secured housing through the program to support the unhoused community. He also reviewed recent economic growth in the County, including the new Xetex business located in Holmen. Supervisor Kovacevich further shared updates on the status of County internet and road services.

President's Report

President Barlow stated that he and Administrator Heinig have been invited to present an update on Village accomplishments and future plans to the Holmen Area Community Center on January 15th.

Other Items before the Board

Captain Spears reported that the three new police squad have been received and will be road ready very soon.

Director of Operations & Finance Hornberg stated that there will not be a Spring Primary Election in the Village of Holmen.

Trustees Kulcinski, Kube and Elam thanked the Village staff for all of their hard work and efforts. Elam remarked on the quality of officers that serve the Holmen community.

President Barlow thanked staff and welcomed all to attend the Holmen High School Show Choir Performances this weekend. He stated that he and Administrator Heinig will be meeting with legislators tomorrow to seek support for traffic controls on Highway 53.

Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The motion carried 5-0.

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