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**Village of Holmen
Public Works Committee
February 5, 2026**

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

Motion by Anderson, second by Wyss, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting – motion passed 2-0.

Public Comment – None

Director's Monthly Report

SEWER

- Phosphorus and PFAS effluent samples taken and sent in to lab.
- Cake/Liquid Sludge sample tests taken and submitted to Davy laboratory.
- Work on the sludge bypass approved last month started 2/4/26.
- Huber is scheduled to work on the screw press the week of February 23.
- Heat in the control lab failed 1/26. Temporary get by until Zeigler can repair the heat exchanger.

WATER

- Hawkins fixed the issue with the fluoride scale at Well 5. New system is an optical level sensor and commonly used at our neighboring municipalities, promised to be more reliable.
- Completed the quarterly VOC samples for all 4 wells the week of January 26. Resampled week of February 2 because the 1st round of samples froze in transit from La Crosse to testing lab.
- Water Department is responding as needed for frozen pipes in the mobile home parks.
- Submitted the 2025 Cross Connection Inspection Summary Report to the DNR.
- Random dirty water complaints from King's Bluff Estates Subdivision have subsided. Citizens have reported to La Crosse County Health Department, and Wisconsin DNR Regional Representative Alex Avelos. Detailed email response to reporting citizen last month may have been informative enough and satisfied the need to know?

STREETS

- New 2025 Freightliner truck is now at Universal Truck Equipment for equipment installation.
- Addressing cold weather problems as they arise.
- Tending to equipment and shop maintenance.

STORM

- Met with the La Crosse Urban Stormwater (LSUG) group on January 15. Discussed the MS4 permit compliance, last year's success, this year's goals, and the upcoming Habitat for Humanity contract renewal.
- Village compost site was open for the winter monthly opening on Saturday January 17; 6 residents used the facility.

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- Christmas tree pickup is now complete.

ENGINEERING

- North lift station project material submittals are being reviewed.
- Met with WisDOT and state representatives to discuss the signals at the USH 53/STH 35 interchange, and STH 35/Schaller Boulevard.
- Updated Main Street reconstruction drawings were submitted for review prior to upcoming meeting with SEH design team.
- Winter Salt Week was January 26-30. Reviewed informational webinars as available on winter salt use, conservation, best practices available throughout the week.
- Mikshowsky working on the north end of 2nd Avenue storm sewer rehab document submittals to the DOT for the Holland Bluffs Trail project.

OTHER

- N/A

Action Items

#5 Recommendation to the Village Board for approval of 2026 Street Reconstruction Project. Assistant DPW/Engineer Mikshowsky presented three bids for the project to the committee. He recommended accepting the low bid from Mathy Construction Co. for \$733,039.03. Motion to approve by Wyss, second by Anderson. Motion Passed 2-0.

#6 Recommendation to the Village Board for approval of 7 Bridges Lift Station Backup Generator. DPW/Engineer Dahl presented the bid for a backup generator at the 7 bridges lift station. The generator will be of similar size and capacity of the generators located at other Village lift stations. The bid from Kish & Sons Electric was \$41,330.00. Dahl recommended the approval of this item. Motion to approve by Wyss, second by Anderson. Motion Passed 2-0.

#7 Recommendation to the Village Board for approval of Bobcat Vibratory Roller Purchase. DPW/Engineer Dahl presented the bid for the Bobcat Vibratory Roller. This was a budgeted item, whereas the bid came in at \$12,541.00. Dahl recommended the approval of this item. Motion to approve by Wyss, second by Anderson. Motion Passed 2-0.

#8 Approval of Backup Generator Maintenance Agreement. DPW/Engineer Dahl presented the cost of the annual backup generator maintenance agreement with Total Energy Systems, LLC. The maintenance agreement performs routine maintenance on all Village backup generators. The 2026 cost will be \$7,350.00. Dahl recommended the approval of this item. Motion to approve by Wyss, second by Anderson. Motion Passed 2-0.

#9 Approval of Vivax-MetroTech Utility Locator Wand DPW/Engineer Dahl presented the bid for a new utility locator wand from Utility Logic. The new wand will assist Village staff with locating utilities more efficiently and precisely. The bid was \$6,475.00. Wyss asked if there was an adaptor(s) needed to replace the supplied LI-ION battery with standard alkaline batteries if the LI-ION battery would be discontinued. Dahl stated he would investigate and add the adaptor(s) to the order. Motion to approve by Wyss, second by Anderson. Motion Passed 2-0.

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#10 Discussion on Wisconsin DNR Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit public education and outreach.

DPW/Engineer Dahl presented the committee a wealth of information relating to stormwater management. He stressed the importance of a well-managed system and how it relates to downstream effects. Discussion was had regarding the subject.

Discussion

General items.

Adjourn

Motion by Anderson, second by Wyss to adjourn at 6:19 PM – motion passed 2-0.

Chris Dahl
Director of Public Works/Engineer