

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
May 14, 2026**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on May 14, 2026, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Sam Kube, Doug Jorstad, Rich Anderson, Dawn Kulcinski and Travis Elam. Micah Wyss was excused. Also present were Jody & Chad Wickler, Corbin Wait, Eric Sutterlin, Morgan Hendrickson, Daryl Holley, Scott Ryan, Andy Parrish, Keith & Charlene Purnell, Chad Updike, Caden Hemlock, Joe Kovacevich, Joe Haas, Administrator Heinig, Director of Operations & Finance/Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Chief Collins, Captain Spears, Public Works Director/Engineer Dahl, Park & Recreation Director Geary and Attorney Weber.

Public Comment

Eric Sutterlin, 317 Moreland Circle, St. Paul, MN, spoke regarding his concerns about the operational use and potential exploitation of Flock camera systems. He stated that he believes the systems are unconstitutional. His written statement is included as submitted, as Addendum A to these minutes.

Andy Parrish, W19877 Ardes Ln, Galesville, WI, stated his belief that the Village Flock cameras provide a live feed and questioned if the security camera in Village Hall was a Flock Camera, suggesting that the camera in the Village Board room was live. He further asserted that the Flock information collected is being shared with agencies including the NSA, Secret Service, Border Patrol, ICE, and the Department of Homeland Security, and claimed this is occurring at taxpayer expense.

Corbin Wait, 1606 Prairie Place, Holmen, expressed his opposition to Flock Cameras.

Scott Ryan, 311 S. Main Street, Holmen, expressed his opinion regarding concerns about Flock cameras, including potential dangers and the possibility of misuse or abuse of the system.

Caden Hemlock, 970 Linden Drive, Holmen stated the opinion that Flock cameras constitute mass surveillance.

Morgan Hendrickson, 603 Alpine Ln, stated her opinion that Flock cameras are alarming and scary, particularly in relation to women and children.

Minutes

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2026 Board Meeting and April 21, 2026 Special Board Meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Law Enforcement Committee

President Barlow asked that the Flock Safety camera agenda item be moved up for immediate review.

Travis Elam/Doug Jorstad motioned to move possible action on Flock Safety cameras to review immediately. The motion carried 6-0.

President Barlow requested a Flock camera contract update from Chief Shane Collins. Chief Collins stated that the item under consideration is for eight Flock Safety Cameras at a cost of \$3,000.00 per camera, all of which are ALPR (Automatic License Plate Recognition) cameras. He clarified that there is no live activation on any of the cameras. He explained that the cameras capture license plate information and vehicle descriptions only. Chief Collins added that the current contract is up for renewal this year, with a total renewal cost of \$24,000.00.

President Barlow inquired whether there were any questions or comments from the Board regarding the Flock Safety Camera contract.

Trustee Elam stated that he fully supports the Holmen Police Department. He noted that he worked with the Holmen Police Reserve Unit for four years and said he has witnessed nothing but phenomenal work from the department. Elam expressed disappointment over questions regarding the department's integrity and stated that he is proud of every officer serving the Village of Holmen. He further commented that Holmen is a special community that supported him throughout his youth. Elam expressed his concern about individuals who do not live in the Village coming in and questioning the integrity of the police department, stating that it upsets him greatly. He said he is grateful that the police department continues protecting the residents of Holmen, including his children and family. Elam concluded by stating that he is in full support of the Flock Safety Cameras and fully supports the Holmen Police Department.

Chief Collins remarked that Flock does have the capability to provide live feed cameras, however, the Village of Holmen does not have this option. The additional cost for the live feed would be \$500.00 per camera. Chief Collins also confirmed that the current system does not have facial recognition or other person-specific recognition capabilities. He noted that searches are limited solely to vehicle-related information.

In response to continuous interruptions from the audience, President Barlow reiterated that the meeting had moved into Board discussion of the action item and that no additional public comment would be permitted at that time. He directed any further follow-up questions to the Holmen Police Department. President Barlow then asked Chief Collins to review the information currently captured by the existing Flock Camera system.

Chief Collins stated that the Flock Camera system takes a snapshot of the following: license plate number, vehicle color, vehicle body, vehicle make along with five vehicle identifiers such as top rack, back rack, bumper sticker, window sticker or a toolbox.

President Barlow asked Collins to walk the Board through the procedures and processes used when Flock Camera information is needed. Collins reviewed a recent incident at a local business in which criminal activity was captured on an external security camera. He explained how the Flock Camera system was utilized to help identify and apprehend the suspect. Collins further stated that the camera system has been used in numerous cases to assist law enforcement in removing criminals from the streets, as well as aiding in the location of missing persons.

Trustee Elam commented that he encourages the public not to get sucked into the sensationalism surrounding this topic and urged residents to educate themselves on this matter. He stated that he has worked as a senior software engineer for many years and is familiar with the policies and regulations that guard this type of data, noting that he works with such regulations on a daily basis. Elam reiterated the importance of researching and understanding the safeguards and regulations protecting the data being discussed and cautioned the public against relying solely on information shared through social media posts.

President Barlow asked Chief Collins to provide additional information regarding the security of the data collected through the Flock Camera system. Chief Collins explained that the data is stored on a secure government network, where access requires authorized credentials and a specific reason for obtaining the information. He further stated that any information not associated with an incident is automatically deleted after thirty-days.

Travis Elam/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the renewal of the Flock Safety camera contracted as presented in the amount of \$24,000.00. The motion carried 6-0.

Special Presentation

Joe Haas from Hawkins Ash CPAs presented the 2025 audit, including explaining the purpose and use of an annual audit and offered to answer questions. The Board thanked Mr. Haas for his presentation and the Village's Administrative team for our outstanding financial position.

Planning Commission

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Rezoning Petition for Petitioner Joseph Roraff, JDT Development LLC, seeking a Change of Zoning from (A) Agriculture District to (B-2) General Business District on 1.31 acres immediately South of Mc Donald's on Gaarder Road (CSM in process). The motion carried 6-0.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Sam Kube/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the conceptual site plan for renovation at the Holmen Area Aquatic Center from Parkitecture & Planning in the amount of \$14,120.00. The motion carried 6-0.

Law Enforcement

Chief Collins mentioned that new hire Tyler Blair will begin his position as the School Police Liaison officer at the end of May.

Collins also reminded the group that the benefit for Officer Joe Hickey will be held this Sunday at Features Fieldhouse in West Salem.

Public Works Committee

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve the contract with Miller Earthworks for the demolition of the building located at 406 S. Main Street in the amount of \$34,440.48. The motion carried 6-0.

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve the purchase of an Air Compressor from Atlas Copco in the amount of \$21,000.00 with installation costs of \$3,200.00 with Kish & Sons Electric. The motion carried 6-0.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Sam Kube motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for the amount of \$3,014,106.75. The motion carried 6-0.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Temporary Amendment to Liquor Premises for Specific Events as follows: Features 20th Anniversary Party to be held August 8, 2026; Alyson Haugen Breast Cancer Benefit to be held on August 8, 2026; 95.7 The Rock – Motorcycle Giveaway to be held on September 12, 2026; and Bags for Brian – Colon Cancer Benefit to be held on October 3, 2026, all at Features Sports Bar & Grill, 504 Holmen Drive North. The motion carried 6-0.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Kube reported that the City of Onalaska staff thoughtfully considered the comments and concerns submitted regarding the draft RFP for the Shared Ride Program. He stated that staff will incorporate revisions and present the updated draft for review at next week's meeting.

Municipal Court Update

Informational items only.

Fire Board Report

Trustee Elam reported that department call volumes continue to increase and that both interior and exterior building and site issues remain ongoing concerns for the department. President Barlow reviewed unsuccessful efforts to secure state funding, as well as the lack of cooperation from the Town of Holland regarding progress on plans for a new facility. Barlow also confirmed with Administrator Heinig that the Village of Holmen is prepared to move forward with providing financial support for its share of the fire building investment. The board further discussed ways to encourage the Town of Holland to move forward with its portion of the investment in the proposed new facility which is necessary for the department's future needs.

Bluffland Coalition Report

Meeting will be held next week.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisor Kovacevich updated the Board on the development of a County Resolution to establish an ad hoc committee regarding data centers. He explained that the committee would consist of five County Board Supervisors along with one representative from each municipality. Kovacevich stated that the purpose of the committee is to help educate the public on issues related to data centers. He emphasized that the committee would not have the authority to change local ordinances, but instead would serve in an advisory capacity by making recommendations. Trustee Elam commented that he believes the committee is a good idea, noting that there is a significant amount of misinformation surrounding data centers. He also stated that data centers could provide benefits to the community, including improved access to high-speed internet. Elam added that he looks forward to receiving updates from the committee.

President's Report

President Barlow remarked that he attended the Holmen Area Foundation breakfast, where long-time resident Kevin Baird received a servant leadership award. He also shared that he had the opportunity to attend the opening of the new U.W. La Crosse Science Building, both in his role as a university employee and as a local representative. He stated that the addition of the new facility is beneficial not only for the university, but also for the region as a whole.

Other Items before the Board

Chief Collins thanked the Board for their continued support of the Flock Safety Camera system, noting that it is an effective tool for public safety. He also assured the Board that the system is carefully monitored to ensure it is used appropriately and that there is no abuse of access or data.

Attorney Weber complimented Chief Collins and Captain Spears for their handling of the meeting and the professionalism they displayed. He commended all involved for their efforts during the evening's proceedings.

Trustee Elam stated that Holmen has exceptional staff and he will not allow anyone to undermine the staff or the Board. He remarked that the administrative staff is the best in the area and said he considers it a privilege to live in the community.

Trustee Anderson echoed Trustee Elam's statement.

The Village Board once again thanked the Administrative team for the outstanding audit and financial position of the Village.

Closed Session

At 8:26 pm, Doug Jorstad/Sam Kube motioned to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute:

Authority: §19.85(1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Purpose: Discussion of Property Condemnation

The motion carried 6-0.

At 8:54 pm, Dawn Kulcinski/Rich Anderson motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried 6-0.

No action items were needed after closed session.

Travis Elam/Sam Kube motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. The motion carried 6-0.

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