Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
June 11, 2026

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on June 11, 2026, at the Holmen Village Hall.

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

Public Comment
None.

Minutes
Rich Anderson/Sam Kube motioned to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2026 Board Meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Planning Commission
No meeting was held.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee
Micah Wyss/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve special event request by Holmen American Legion for Kornfest on August 14-16, 2026 at Halfway Creek Park. The motion carried 7-0.

Law Enforcement
No meeting was held.

Public Works Committee
Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve Resolution 1-2026, Compliance Maintenance Resolution as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to approve Johnson Street Lift Station Rehab with Pember Companies in the amount of $107,706.51. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve 2nd Avenue Storm Sewer Rehabilitation with Strupp Trucking in the amount of $16,670.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve SCADA upgrade for Hale Drive Lift Station with Altronex Control Systems in the amount of $14,150.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Finance and Personnel Committee
Doug Jorstad/Sam Kube motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for the amount of $1,926,765.49. The motion carried 7-0.

Doug Jorstad/Sam Kube motioned to approve 2026/2027 Class B Retail Combination Licenses; Class A Retail Combination Licenses; Class "B" Retail Beer Licenses as presented. The motion carried with Barlow, Kube, Jorstad, Anderson, Wyss and Elam in favor; Kulcinski abstained.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve 2026/2027 Cigarette & Tobacco Licenses; Video/Coin Operated/Amusement Machine Licenses; Junk/Salvage Yard License; Pawn Broker License and Septage Licenses as presented. Trustee Kulcinski inquired about which approval category THC-infused beverages would fall under. Administrator Heinig explained that these products are not currently subject to licensing requirements and stated that the Village plans to consider adopting an ordinance addressing such products in the near future. The motion carried with Barlow, Kube, Jorstad, Anderson, Wyss and Elam in favor; Kulcinski abstained.

Doug Jorstad/Sam Kube motioned to approve Temporary Class “B” license for Holmen Area Community Center group for Cheese Fest to be held on June 20, 2026, at the Holmen Area Community Center, 600 N. Holmen Drive. The motion carried 7-0.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Temporary Amendment to Liquor Premises for Specific Event with amendment to contact person, for American Legion Kornfest to be held on August 14-16, 2026, at Halfway Creek Park, 419 1st Avenue West. The motion carried 7-0.

Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to approve Development Agreement for First Addition Herb & Iris Addition as presented. Administrator Heinig indicated that the agreement was standard and did not include any type of subsidy from the Village. The motion carried 7-0.

Shared Ride Committee
Trustee Kube reported that the Shared Ride Group will remain composed of the same members under the new contract. The group is exploring ways to reduce wait times, including the possibility of increasing service hours each week. Members inquired about how much of an increase would be necessary to achieve this goal. Kube stated that recent studies conducted by Running Inc. indicated that an additional eight hours per week should result in shorter wait times. Kube also answered questions regarding the contract term, explaining that the group is seeking approval for a two-year contract with an option to extend. Administrator Heinig noted that increasing investment in the program would be worthwhile if the anticipated improvements in service and wait times are achieved.

Municipal Court Update
No meeting was held.

Fire Board Report
Trustee Elam reported that call volumes continue to increase and that the cost of a new fire engine continues to rise. President Barlow stated that the Town of Holland plans to hold an informational meeting to gauge community interest in constructing a new fire station. He also noted that he recently attended a fire department awards banquet.

Bluffland Coalition Report
No meeting was held.

County Supervisor’s Report
County Supervisor Kovacevich reported that the recently held ad hoc committee meeting regarding the potential development of data centers in the county was well attended. He explained that the committee was established to educate the public and local officials about the potential risks and benefits associated with data centers. The first presentation was provided by the University of Wisconsin–Madison Extension. Kovacevich stated that the county is considering an eighteen-month moratorium on data center development to allow sufficient time for research, education, and evaluation of potential impacts. Trustee Elam remarked that a moratorium could be perceived as a rejection of technology and may result in missed opportunities for interested developers and investors. However, he commended the county for taking a proactive approach and prioritizing education on the issue. Administrator Heinig requested that, if a moratorium is approved, the

county clearly communicate to the media and the public that it would apply only to unincorporated areas and would not affect the Village of Holmen. He noted that Holmen has a certified development site recognized by the State of Wisconsin and emphasized the importance of not discouraging potential investors because of a county-level decision. Kovacevich encouraged members to review the University of Wisconsin–Madison Extension presentation, which is available on the county's website.

<u>President's Report</u>
President Barlow reported positive news regarding the efforts of Explore La Crosse, noting that tourism spending increased by approximately $13 million from 2024 to 2025. He stated that tourism activity generated approximately $36 million in local tax revenue, helping to reduce the tax burden on local residents.

<u>Other Items before the Board</u>
Captain Spears reported that the new School Liaison Officer, Tyler Blair, began his duties on May 29. He also noted that Officer Terry Kind will retire on July 9 and that his replacement is scheduled to begin on July 13.

Public Works Director/Engineer Dahl reported that emergency expenditures were approved for the repair of a failed clarifier last week. He also stated that staff-approved change orders were issued for the North Lift Station project to ensure compliance with state requirements.

Administrator Heinig stated that he is very pleased with the ongoing architectural design discussions for Main Street and noted that the concepts will be shared with the public in the near future.

Trustee Elam commended Public Works Director/Engineer Dahl for his forward-thinking approach and proactive planning efforts, including the SCADA system upgrade. He also expressed enthusiasm for the Main Street design concepts and looks forward to seeing the project progress.

<u>Closed Session</u>
At 8:16 pm, Sam Kube/Micah Wyss 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.
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> *Purpose:* Town of Holland Boundary Agreement
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> *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
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> *Purpose:* Holmen Area Fire District Fire Station

The motion carried 7-0.

At 9:32 pm, Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried 7-0.

Patrick Barlow/Rich Anderson, moved to proceed with the cancellation of the existing boundary agreement, noting that it has fulfilled its original purpose, reached the end of its useful life, and requires modification.

The motion further directed the Village Attorney and Village Administrator to negotiate a revised agreement with the Town of Holland. If a mutually acceptable modification cannot be reached, the existing agreement will be allowed to expire. The motion carried 7-0.

Micah Wyss/Travis Elam motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm. The motion carried 7-0.

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