Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
July 9, 2026

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on July 9, 2026, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Doug Jorstad, Rich Anderson, Micah Wyss, Dawn Kulcinski and Travis Elam. Sam Kube was excused. Also present were George Brown, Mike Campbra, Tom Campbell, Annette Steel, Joe Pachal, Sam Scinta, Administrator Heinig, Director of Operations & Finance/Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Captain Spears, Public Works Director/Engineer Dahl, Park & Recreation Director Geary and Attorney Weber.

Public Hearing
At 7:01 pm, Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to open the public hearing on Resolution 2-2026, Resolution Authorizing Special Assessments on Benefitted Property Between Wall Street and Legion Street. The motion carried 6-0.

No one spoke on behalf of the Resolution and Administrator Heinig confirmed that no electronic correspondence was received.

Travis Elam/Doug Jorstad motioned to close the public hearing at 7:03 pm. The motion carried 6-0.

Special Presentation
Sam Scinta, Chief Executive Officer of the La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Chamber's role in regional outreach and its efforts to support businesses throughout La Crosse County. As a new Executive Officer and a new member of the Holmen Business Association, he introduced himself and shared his vision for the organization. Mr. Scinta explained that his role is to advocate on behalf of the business community, build strong relationships with local government, and promote collaboration and education. His goal is to bring businesses, community organizations, and government leaders together to strengthen the regional economy. He emphasized that all stakeholders are working toward the same objective—collaborating to identify solutions and address the challenges facing local businesses.

Public Comment
None.

Minutes
Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026 Board Meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Planning Commission
Dawn Kulcinski/Travis Elam motioned to approve Rezoning Petition for Petitioner Prestige Heights Apartments, seeking a Change of Zoning from (B-2) General Business District to (PUD) Planned Unit Development, to include corresponding SPAR (Site Plan Architectural Review), on the southwest intersection of Spakenburg Road and Staphorst Lane contingent on Administrator review. The motion carried 6-0.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Ordinance 4-2026, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the Village of Holmen (Mark Hein; Petition MBR #14851). The motion carried 6-0.

Micah Wyss/Travis Elam motioned to approve Ordinance 5-2026, an Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the Village of Holmen (Joshua Neumann; Petition MBR #14850). The motion carried 6-0.

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Ordinance 6-2026, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the Village of Holmen (Timothy & Kimberly McGinnis; Petition MBR #14852). The motion carried 6-0.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee
No meeting was held.

Law Enforcement
Discussion items only regarding creation of a Hemp-Derived THC Ordinance; additional information will come forward next month.

Public Works Committee
Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to consider Resolution 2-2026 without committee recommendation. The motion carried 6-0.

Dawn Kulcinski/Travis Elam motioned to approve Resolution 2-2026, Resolution Authorizing Special Assessment for Public Improvements Against Benefitted Property. The motion carried 6-0.

Finance and Personnel Committee
Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for the amount of $1,667,914.37. The motion carried 6-0.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Temporary Class "B" license for Holmen Youth Fast Pitch for the Kornfest softball tournament to be held on August 14-16, 2026, at Deer Wood Park, 500 Anderson Street. The motion carried 6-0.

Shared Ride Committee
President Barlow reported on behalf of Trustee Kube that the proposal to include an additional hours option in the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) has been removed. The RFP will move forward for final review with the current service boundaries remaining unchanged.

Municipal Court Update
Meeting will be held later in July.

Fire Board Report
Trustee Elam reported that emergency call volumes decreased for the first time in 18 months. He also expressed concern that some residents are contacting the fire station directly for emergency assistance rather than calling 911 through dispatch. Trustee Elam updated the Board on a quote received for a new fire engine and noted that discussions will be needed regarding financing options for the purchase. President Barlow added that alternative financing options would be explored and noted that the current lead time for delivery of a new fire engine is approximately four to five years.

Bluffland Coalition Report
President Barlow reported on behalf of Trustee Kube that the trail signage project continues to move forward. He also shared that the group has begun discussions about becoming its own agent.

County Supervisor's Report
President Barlow reported on behalf of County Supervisor Kovacevich that the smart bus program will be discontinued at the end of 2026. Trustee Elam added that the County passed the eighteen-month moratorium on data center development.

President's Report
President Barlow reported that he plans to attend the next La Crosse County data center meeting and bring back information to the Board.

Other Items before the Board
Trustee Anderson and Trustee Elam expressed appreciation for newly retired Terry Kind's devotion to the community.

Administrator Heinig announced that an open house for the new Public Works Shop on Amy Drive will be held at 4:30 p.m. prior to the August 6 Public Works Committee meeting. He also informed the Board that, due to National Night Out and the Partisan Primary Election, the August Finance & Personnel Committee meeting has been rescheduled to August 13 at 5:00 p.m., and the August Law Committee meeting has been rescheduled to August 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Captain Spears noted that new Police Officer Andrew Sweeney will begin employment on July 13. He also noted that Officer Sweeney and Police Officer Tyler Blair will be officially sworn in during the August Board meeting.

Travis Elam/Doug Jorstad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. The motion carried 6-0.

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