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Village of Holmen Law Enforcement Committee July 7, 2026

The meeting of the Holmen Law Enforcement Committee was held Tuesday July 7, 2026, in the Village Hall.

Chair Travis Elam called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present at the meeting: Committee members Travis Elam, Doug Jorstad and Dawn Kulcinski. Also in attendance was Village President Patrick Barlow, Administrator Scott Heinig, and Chief Shane Collins.

Approval of Minutes: Doug Jorstad and Travis Elam motioned to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

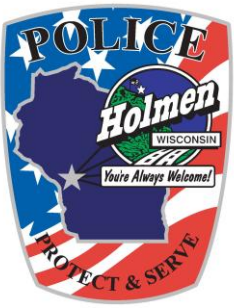
Present Monthly Activity: The Committee reviewed monthly activity.

Present Monthly Claims: The Committee reviewed monthly claims.

Municipal Court Update No meeting held

Discussion on Creating Hemp-Derived THC Ordinance The discussion centered on developing a Village of Holmen ordinance regulating the sale and possession of hemp-derived THC and synthetic cannabinoid products. Administrator Heinig explained that the effort originated from La Crosse County, which encouraged municipalities to adopt similar ordinances due to growing concerns about youth access to these products and the way they are often marketed and displayed alongside ordinary consumer products. The proposed ordinance was modeled after those adopted by neighboring communities but was modified to better fit Holmen's unique zoning and business environment while remaining legally defensible and consistent with Wisconsin trends.

A portion of the discussion focused on balancing public safety with the rights of local businesses. The proposed ordinance establishes a minimum purchase and possession



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age of 21, requires age verification for all sales, and prohibits sales to anyone under that age. Heinig expressed concern that adopting the county's original 1,000-foot separation requirement from schools, churches, parks, daycares, and similar locations would effectively prohibit sales anywhere in Holmen because of the community's mixed-use development. Instead, the group favored limiting sales to B-2 Business Districts while considering a much smaller setback, such as 200 feet, along with a grandfather clause for businesses already selling these products. Committee also discussed the sale of these products could not be within the listed business that are outlined in the ordinance.

The committee also discussed the current lack of state licensing requirements for businesses selling hemp-derived THC products and acknowledged that municipalities have limited authority beyond adopting health and safety regulations. Members emphasized that the ordinance is intended to protect youth rather than prohibit lawful businesses, noting that retailers such as convenience stores and grocery stores already sell certain hemp-derived THC products. Additional discussion included the possibility of future federal action affecting these products, and the importance of maintaining consistency with statewide practices.

The committee reviewed enforcement and penalties. Members agreed that fines should be imposed on both individuals under 21 who possess the products and businesses that unlawfully sell them, with discussion favoring higher penalties for businesses.

Committee member Dawn Kulcinski and Doug Jorstad motion to direct staff to prepare a finalized ordinance incorporating the agreed-upon changes, including the revised setback distance, and grandfather for the next LEC meeting in August and then for Village Board consideration at the August meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Heinig also talked about the next LEC meeting will be held on August 13th at 6pm due to National Night Out event on August 4th and the election on August 11th.

Adjourn Doug Jorstad and Dawn Kulcinski motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:51pm.

Minutes By Chief Shane Collins