

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
August 13, 2026**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on August 13, 2026, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Doug Jorstad, Rich Anderson, Micah Wyss, Sam Kube, Dawn Kulcinski and Travis Elam. Also present were Tyler Blair, Andrew Sweeney, fellow officers and family members of the Holmen Police Department, County Supervisor Joe Kovacevich, Administrator Heinig, Director of Operations & Finance/Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Captain Spears, Chief Collins, Public Works Director/Engineer Dahl, Park & Recreation Director Geary and Attorney Weber.

Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to move the Special Presentation event on the agenda to ahead of the public hearing. The motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentation

Chief Collins introduced Officers Tyler Blair and Andrew Sweeney. The officers were formally pinned with their official badges by their wives. Clerk Hornberg then administered the oath of office, after which Officers Blair & Sweeney introduced themselves to the Village Board.

Public Hearing

At 7:14 pm, Doug Jorstad/Travis Elam motioned to open the public hearing on the Creation of Chapter 44 Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid and Synthetic Cannabinoid Products. The motion carried 7-0.

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

Doug Jorstad/Travis Elam motioned to close the public hearing at 7:16 pm. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026 Board Meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Planning Commission

No meeting was held.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Micah Wyss/Sam Kube motioned to approve the 2026 playground woodchip proposal from Natural Solutions LLC., the two inch depth was approved in the amount of \$18,496.50. The motion carried 7-0.

Law Enforcement

Travis Elam/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Ordinance 3-2026, An Ordinance to Create Chapter 44 Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid and Synthetic Cannabinoid Products of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Holmen. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Works Committee

Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to approve Cole Addition 10 Improvements and Plat pending administrative approval of the completion of punch list items. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve estimate for Pertzsch storm pond cleanout from Rybold Excavating & Plumbing LLC. in the amount of \$21,000.00. 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 \$1,055,475.26. The motion carried 7-0.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Resolution 3-2026, A Resolution Establishing Elected Official Salaries as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Resolution 4-2026, Creation & Adoption of Election Wards Map (Creation of Ward 14) as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Kube that the committee will meet later in the month to discuss the pending Request for Proposals.

Municipal Court Update

No meeting was held.

Fire Board Report

Trustee Elam reported that mold remediation has been completed and that the firefighters have returned from temporary housing. He stated that discussions regarding the station appear to have reached an impasse, with the Town of Holland indicating that the associated costs are not something it is prepared to assume. President Barlow added that, without shovel-ready plans and a financing plan in place, the department may be missing opportunities to secure potential grant funding.

Bluffland Coalition Report

Trustee Kube reported that the group has grant funds available and to encouraged members to share any ideas for how the funds could be utilized.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisor Kovacevich reported that La Crosse County continues to maintain its Aa1 bond rating. He provided an update on the 2026 County budget and various capital projects. He also reported that recent Data Center Committee meetings included discussions of both positive and negative examples of communities with data centers. Trustee Elam suggested that the County track the number of potential opportunities that may be lost during the moratorium on data centers. Trustee Wyss noted that concerns regarding water usage by data centers may not always be accurate, explaining that property designed systems can regenerate and recirculate the same water supply in a closed-loop system.

President's Report

President Barlow reported a busy month attending various meetings, including the La Crosse Area Planning Committee meeting, where resident transit needs were discussed. He also attended an Explore La Crosse meeting, which reported continued success in tourism but noted delays in receiving room tax revenues from larger municipalities. Additionally, he participated in the quarterly meeting with County leaders.

Other Items before the Board

Trustees thanked staff for their efforts in organizing and supporting the many recent events.

Attorney Weber thanked the Board members for their continued service and dedication.

Chief Collins thanked everyone who volunteered and assisted with the National Night Out event.

Administrator Heinig expressed his pride in the Board and staff and their continued efforts on behalf of the Village.

President Barlow thanked all the staff for their hard work and recognized the importance of the team effort in making recent events and activities successful.

At 8:36 pm, Micah Wyss/Travis Elam motioned to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute:

Authority: §19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance valuation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Purpose: Administrator Annual Review

The motion carried 7-0.

At 9:25 pm, Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to direct the Administrator to ensure the discussion on market and merit is included in the 2027 budget and that the Administrator shall be paid a \$12,000 bonus for 2026 during the next payroll. The motion carried with Barlow, Kube, Anderson, Jorstad, Kulcinski, Wyss in favor, Elam abstained.

Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm. The motion carried 7-0.

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