

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
January 14, 2021**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on January 14, 2021, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Rich Anderson, Rod Stanek, Doug Jorstad, Brandon Cain, Dawn Kulcinski and Micah Wyss. Also present were Jeremy Cook, Laurie Abeyta, Sandy Turner, Michelle Kleist, Jeff Herlitzke, Jim Abeyta, Fire Chief Manley, Attorney Brian Weber, Administrator Heinig, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Police Chief Collins, Public Works Director Mezera, Engineer Dahl and Park & Recreation Director Brogan. Also in attendance by Zoom were Rob Henken and John Kovan.

Special Presentation

Rob Henken, Wisconsin Policy Forum, reviewed the Fire and EMS Service Sharing study that was commissioned by La Crosse County and the La Crosse Area Planning Committee. He reviewed options for enhanced service sharing amount the various fire departments and emergency medical service providers in the La Crosse County region. Their rationale included growing demands for service in parts of the region marked by increased development and population growth, challenges with current staffing models, and a desire to consider cooperative approaches with regard to possible new stations or other service enhancements.

Public Comment

Laurie Abeyta, 210 State Street, addressed the Board regarding the water quality in the Village. She feels the quality has decreased over the years due to her water filter needing to be changed more often than in the past.

Jeremy Cook, 210 Lake Street, thanked the Village Board for trying to step up and fulfill the needs of the Holmen Area Fire Department. He acknowledged that those attempts to increase the Department's budget have been met with resistance from the partnering townships. He also thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance this past weekend during a Town of Holland house fire.

Jim Abeyta states that he was a recipient of phenomenal service from the Fire Department at an EMS call for himself. He also addressed the Board about the water quality and filter issue in the area.

President Barlow asked that the Public Works Committee plan to discuss the water quality questions brought up by residents at the next meeting.

Minutes

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

No meeting was held.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Brandon Cain/Rich Anderson motioned to approve quote for Holmen Aquatic Center gutter grate repairs from Fischer Brothers in the amount of \$18,390.00. Cain mentioned that the amount of \$2,265.00 of this cost will be reimbursed by MBA Project Management due to damages they caused. He also mentioned that this was not a budgeted item but would replace another capital outlay purchase for 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Law Enforcement Committee

Rod Stanek/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the cost of squad equipment and installation from Audio Designs Inc. in the amount of \$11,550.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

No meeting was held.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Brandon Cain motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$6,646,311.21. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve contract with Hawkins Ash CPAs for 2021-2023 audit services. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to approve contract with Triple L Cleaning for cleaning services at: Village Hall, Holmen Police Department and Holmen Library. The motion carried unanimously.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Cain reported that ridership decreased by 522 (from 1130 to 608 from November 2019 to November 2020) due to COVID-19.

Municipal Court Update

No meeting was held.

Fire Board Report

Informational items only.

County Supervisor's Report

President Barlow mentioned that County Board Supervisor for District 22, Joe Kovacevich's position, was recently filled by Pam Viner. Viner will complete Kovacevich's full term which ends April 2022.

President's Report

No information to report.

Other Items before the Board

Director Mezera thanked the Board for feedback and support from the Village Board.

Trustees Wyss and Anderson thanked residents for attending and sharing their concerns this evening.

Closed Session

At 8:04 pm, Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute *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

Purpose: Potential Land Acquisitions & Holmen Area Fire District

The motion carried unanimously.

At 9:40 pm, Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried unanimously.

Rod Stanek/Rich Anderson motioned to deny any modifications on the Holmen Area Fire District contract at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

Micah Wyss/Doug Jorstad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer