

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
February 9, 2023**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on February 9, 2023, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Rich Anderson, Doug Jorstad, Rod Stanek, Travis Elam, Micah Wyss and Dawn Kulcinski. Also present were Tony Tomashek, Ryan Buisman, Kris Roppe, Pam Viner, Administrator Heinig, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Public Works Director Mezera, Chief Collins, Engineer Dahl, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Attorney Weber and Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Melby.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 Board meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Planning Commission

Rod Stanek/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the petition for rezoning from owner Mathy Construction Company for property on the North side of Hwy 35—immediately West of Hwy. 53; approximately 48.81 acres on parcels 14-2931-0 and 14-4002-0 from (A) Agricultural District to (B-2) General Business District; and approximately 25.25 acres on parcel 14-4001-0 from (A) Agricultural District to (L-I) Light Industrial District. Administrator Heinig mentioned that this rezoning is supported in the Comprehensive Plan and will be advantageous for future development in the Village of Holmen. The motion carried 7-0.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Micah Wyss/Rich Anderson motioned to approve the purchase of Eterra Raptor boom with flail cutter from Bobcat of the Coulee Region Inc. in the amount of \$38,400.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Micah Wyss/Rod Stanek motioned to approve the purchase of 2023 Ford F250 truck and plow from Ewald Automotive in the amount of \$52,540.00. Patrick Barlow inquired of the expected delivery date; Director Brogan stated at this time, there is not a definite estimated time of arrival. The motion carried 7-0.

Law Enforcement Committee

No meeting was held.

Public Works Committee

Rich Anderson/Rod Stanek motioned to approve bid from Mathy Construction for the 2023 street reconstruction project in Cedar Meadows Addition on Pleasant Drive & Meadow Lark Lane in the amount of \$343,862.40. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve the purchase of a spare pump for Wastewater Treatment Plant lift station from Quality Flow Systems in the amount of \$11,720.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford F550 bucket truck for use by Public Works and Park & Recreation Departments from a private party for the amount of \$35,000.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for the amount of \$4,211,103.79. The motion carried 7-0.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve increased assistance payments to Long Coulee Cemetery Association from \$3,500.00 to \$6,500.00 annually. This motion for increased financial assistance is contingent upon the Association remaining intact, as well as an annual review of Association's financial statement. The motion carried 7-0.

Shared Ride Committee

No meeting was held.

Municipal Court Update

Administrator Heinig stated that the 2022 financial statements were presented. He also stated that the group will work towards unifying ordinances to help streamline the fee schedule and better manage the court penalties.

Fire Board Report

Trustee Stanek reported the final call volume for the year of 2022 was 1,315. President Barlow reported on the status of hiring a Fire Chief and firefighters. Barlow also reported that last week, a fire displaced a local family; he expressed his appreciation to Chief Collins for his efforts to ensure financial assistance to help them.

Bluffland Coalition Report

Informational items only.

County Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Viner gave a 2022 review of highlights for La Crosse County. She mentioned that the new County Administrator Jane Klekamp will attend a future Board meeting to introduce herself.

President's Report

Informational items only.

Other Items before the Board

Chief Collins mentioned that interviews will be held February 20th to fill open positions in the Police Department.

Director Brogan reported that the North American Squirrel Association will continue fundraising efforts for an all-abilities playground for Remington Hills Park; so far, they have raised \$90,000.00.

Trustee Jorstad brought up the idea to add more holiday lights, primarily on Holmen Dr., if the light posts are equipped to handle it; both Trustee Elam and Trustee Stanek agreed.

President Barlow thanked the staff for all of their hard work. He remarked that he and Administrator Heinig recently attended the La Crosse Area Development Corporation annual meeting; Governor Evers was in attendance and reported on his efforts to increase shared revenue. Barlow also attended the Holmen Chili Cook-Off; the fundraiser earned \$4,700.00 to support Holmen's Hope.

Closed Session

At 7:45 pm, Doug Jorstad/ Rod Stanek 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: Fire District Association Agreement

The motion carried 7-0.

At 8:11 pm, Doug Jorstad/Rod Stanek motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried 7-0.

No action items were required after closed session.

Micah Wyss/Doug Jorstad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. The motion carried 7-0.

Jennifer L. Melby, Village Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
Reviewed by Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer