

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
July 13, 2023**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on July 13, 2023, at the Holmen Village Hall.

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

Public Comment

President Barlow welcomed Fire Chief Ostreng to the meeting and stated that he has heard positive comments about his new role.

Minutes

Rich Anderson/Rod Stanek motioned to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023 Board meeting as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

Planning Commission

Informational items only.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

No meeting was held.

Law Enforcement Committee

No meeting was held.

Public Works Committee

No meeting was held.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Rich Anderson/Rod Stanek motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for the amount of \$2,217,605.44. The motion carried 4-0.

Rich Anderson/Rod Stanek motioned to recommend approval of Change of Agent for Skogen's Foodliner, Inc. – Joel Appold. The motion carried 4-0.

Rich Anderson/Rod Stanek motioned to approve Temporary Class "B" license for Holmen Youth Fast Pitch (HYFP) Kornfest softball tournament to be held on August 18-20, 2023, at Deer Wood Park, 500 Anderson Street. The motion carried with Anderson, Elam, Stanek in favor; Barlow abstained.

Shared Ride Committee

President Barlow remarked that the Shared Ride Transit Subcommittee met to discuss the preferred choice of a new logo to brand the service in the region.

Municipal Court Update

Administrator Heinig stated that an emergency meeting was recently held to discuss the vacancy made by Judge Huesmann; interviews will be held in mid-August for a replacement.

Fire Board Report

Trustee Stanek was happy to report that the new truck is now in service and that referendum approved staff have been fully hired. Chief Ostreng commented that it was nice to be able to be in a position to assist in providing mutual aid to other local jurisdictions.

Bluffland Coalition Report

Informational items only.

County Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Viner reviewed new County policy to purchase used equipment. She mentioned that the Hillview Health Care Center will be looking at adding a daycare to the facility which may provide services to both children as well as adults with caregivers. Viner stated that there has been good conversation on the ATV/UTV Task Force and all members agree on some important items; they are working towards providing a recommendation to go to the Public Works Committee in August.

President's Report

President Barlow was excited to report that Explore La Crosse has reported a sixteen percent increase to tourism revenues from 2021 to 2022. He stated that the group is doing a great job pulling in events into the area.

Other Items before the Board

Chief Collins stated that the final two hires from referendum approved staff have been made; one will begin July 31st and the other offer will be finalized soon with a start date in late fall.

Engineer Dahl updated the Board on the status of all of the projects in the Village; he is pleased to report the north water project is going well and the Briggs/McHugh roundabout is ahead of schedule.

Administrator Heinig reported that the new website design is going well and the new, refreshed look will be nice.

Clerk/Treasurer stated that Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Goyette is doing an incredible job and is fitting in very well.

Trustee Anderson welcomed Fire Chief Ostreng.

President Barlow thanked staff for their hard work.

Rod Stanek/Travis Elam motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. The motion carried 4-0.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer