

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
August 13, 2020**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on August 13, 2020, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Rich Anderson, Dawn Kulcinski, Rod Stanek, Doug Jorstad, Brandon Cain and Micah Wyss. Also present were Administrator Heinig, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Adam Aspenson, Jim Christenson, Fred Hilby, Attorney Brian Weber, Public Works Director Mezera, Police Chief Collins, Engineer Dahl, Park & Recreation Director Brogan, Officer Hintz, K9 Officer Halo and Fire Chief Buck Manley.

Public Comment Officer Aaron Hintz and newest member K9 Officer Halo introduced themselves to the Board and answered questions.

Adam Aspenson remarked that he was in attendance in support of the Traditional Trades rezone and offered to answer questions. He mentioned that there will be a storm water pond located on-site and that he believes it is a great project for the community. Jim Christenson stated that he was also in support of the rezone; he stated the project was comprehensive plan compliant.

Minutes

Doug Jorstad/Brandon Cain motioned to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020 Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission

Administrator Heinig commented that the rezone on the agenda this evening is coming to us without a formal recommendation from the Planning Commission but that the Village Board has the final say on all rezoning considerations. He explained that this rezone is in anticipation of five twindos on a 1.8 acre parcel along Shilling Road and Beyer Road. The site had not been previously platted, and as such was always intended to come back to the Village for a future consideration. He clarified some misinterpretations regarding Apple Valley storm water impacts to the Village which have nothing to do with the proposed site for rezoning. He explained that the Town of Onalaska has pre-existing drainage issues that the Town has never addressed; both the Pertzsch Farm and this proposed development have been appropriately designed to contain all of their own development water impacts in accordance with DNR standards. These twindo units will have a private drive, are beautifully designed and landscaped and meet all Site Plan and Architectural requirements. Other concerns brought forward by Town of Onalaska and Village of Holmen residents was that the proposed development was too dense and would allow for apartments at this location; Heinig explained this was not an apartment but rather a total of 10 luxury twindos (attached single family homes) which will be worth over \$300,000 each. President Barlow commented that he had previously voted to not support moving forward with the rezone as proposed but with further information and reflection, has evolved his previous concerns with the project. Heinig mentioned that the project is compliant with the Comprehensive Plan and thus far, no legal justification had been presented to deny this project; he reiterated that for the Board to deny, they needed a legal reason to do so. Trustee Kulcinski affirmed that she had visited the location and feels the project fits the site perfectly. Trustee Jorstad remarked that comments he had heard were regarding concerns that this project will make water issues in this area worse which is untrue. Trustee Wyss commented that there was confusion that this project was for a larger density apartment building; he confirmed that if single family homes were to be placed on the same site, the density would be almost identical.

Rod Stanek/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve rezoning petition from Traditional Trades, Inc., for the rezoning of property at Lot 16, Block 5, corner of Beyer Road and Schilling Road, from (R-1) Single Family Residential District to (PUD) Planned Unit Development. The motion carried with Stanek, Anderson, Barlow, Jorstad, Wyss and Kulcinski in favor; Cain abstained.

Rich Anderson/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Ordinance 4-2020, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory into the Village of Holmen (Dan and Christal Thielker; Petition MBR#14327). The motion carried unanimously.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Brandon Cain/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve purchase of Deer Wood Park portable ice rink border and liner system in the amount of \$5,617.29 from NiceRink. The motion carried unanimously.

Law Enforcement Committee

Informational items only.

Public Works Committee

Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to approve Resolution 6-2020, Compliance Maintenance Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Rich Anderson/Brandon Cain motioned to begin the process of amending Chapter 136-5 of the Village Code in order to increase discretionary spending limits for all departments. The motion carried unanimously, pending the outcome of a public hearing.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$2,106,023.15. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Rich Anderson motioned to approve Operator's License for Addison R. Durtschi – The Grind Coffeehouse. The motion carried unanimously.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Cain reported that ridership decreased by 538 (from 1112 to 574 from June 2019 to June 2020) due to COVID-19. He mentioned that one of the major reasons for reduced rides are not the need for rides but instead that in order to be cautious, they are only taking one rider at a time resulting in the service having more miles than ever but less riders. He remarked that the program will be receiving a large grant due to COVID that will assist in offsetting reduced income, as well as provide for the purchase of six additional vehicles.

Municipal Court Update

Meeting will be held next week by Zoom.

Fire Board Report

Informational items only.

County Supervisor's Report

No one was present for discussion.

President's Report

Informational items only.

Other Items before the Board

Attorney Weber stated he received many compliments during his recent use of the West park shelter for a graduation party. He mentioned that, as many other police departments, the Holmen Police Department will not aggressively enforce the use of masks.

Trustee Wyss praised the Main/Gaarder Roundabout; he said it is has improved traffic flow and turned out great. The other trustees agreed and complimented the design and implementation of the project.

President Barlow agreed and stated that he was grateful to staff for all of their efforts.

Administrator Heinig complimented the Clerk's department for the most recent Partisan Primary Election and the handling of it during these most difficult times.

Closed Session

At 8:05 pm, Rod Stanek/Doug Jorstad motioned to convene into closed session per Wisconsin State Statute *Authority: §19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, and compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.*

Purpose: Administrator Annual Review

The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:40 pm, Brandon Cain/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried unanimously.

Brandon Cain/Doug Jorstad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer