

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
September 10, 2026**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 10, 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 Justin Birdd and his architect from Cornerstone Architects, LLC., Bradey Partyka, Sam Venjohn and a third representative from Ryan Companies, Administrator Heinig, Director of Operations & Finance/Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Captain Spears, Public Works Director/Engineer Dahl and Park & Recreation Director Geary.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2026 Board Meeting as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Planning Commission

Dawn Kulcinski/Travis Elam motioned to approve the change of zoning from Petitioner Justin Birdd, Birdd Construction, for Rezoning from (A) Agricultural District to (PUD) Planned Unit Development District, to include corresponding SPAR (Site Plan Architectural Review) for Rosewood Luxury Apartments, consisting of ten approximate acres on the southeast intersection of Viking Avenue and Rivers Drive (East of Festival Foods). The motion carried 7-0.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Micah Wyss/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the quote for firewall replacement from MCS Networks in the amount of \$18,353.66. The motion carried 7-0.

Director Geary complimented Assistant Director Inglett on her very well-prepared Fall/Winter activity Guide; each Board member has a copy in their Board mailbox.

Law Enforcement

No meeting was held.

Public Works Committee

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve Herb & Iris Improvements and Plat pending and conditioned upon administrative approval of the completion of punch list items. The Final Plat shall only be released once required contractor items are complete, including safe water samples. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve King's Bluff Estates First Addition Improvements and Final Plat pending and conditioned upon administrative approval of the completion of punch list items. The Final Plat shall only be released once required contractor items are complete, including safe water samples. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to approve Engineering for Rotterdam Ave. & Prime Way Extension as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Sam Kube motioned to approve the Conceptual Main Street Aesthetic Design Improvements as presented. The motion carried 7-0. Administrator Heinig gave a shout-out to Jen Woyicki for her

community support and partnership with the Village on the modifications to her property, which was directly responsible for making the “Front Porch” decorative improvements possible.

Rich Anderson/Travis Elam motioned to approve McCabe Court Watermain Valve Replacement; valve work was done by Rybold Excavating & Plumbing in the amount of \$18,705.00, curb & gutter work by Traditional Concrete in the amount of \$3,275.00 and asphalt patch will be completed by Mathy Construction Co. in the amount of \$8,536.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Sam Kube motioned to approve Cortland Street Storm Sewer Repair & Street Patch; repair was done by Dave Rybold in the amount of \$6,150.00 and asphalt patch was done by Mathy Construction Co. in the amount of \$2,328.15. The motion carried 7-0.

Rich Anderson/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve Signal Design Services Contract for STH 35 with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. in the amount of \$162,150.00. The motion carried 7-0.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Travis Elam motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for the amount of \$1,141,061.74. The motion carried 7-0.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve Development Agreement for the extension of Rotterdam Avenue and Prime Way, and Modifications to Schaller Boulevard, as off-site improvements for “Project Dutch” in the Village of Holmen as presented. Administrator Heinig indicated that the standard agreement was modified in regards to the issuance of an occupancy permit and does not include any type of subsidy from the Village. The motion carried 7-0.

Shared Ride Committee

Trustee Kube reviewed the results of the Request for Proposals for the Shared Ride Program. He reviewed current program costs and projected 2027 costs, noting that the cost of the program had nearly doubled. He also reviewed alternatives that were suggested, including borrowing against future federal funding to cover current-year program costs. Board members expressed concern that the proposed rates would not be sustainable in future years. Administrator Heinig advised against borrowing against future income to support current costs. Members discussed their ongoing concerns with the quality of the program. Trustee Kube noted that it did not appear Running Inc. would be open to making changes under the proposed RFP. The Board also discussed alternatives, including increasing rider rates, but agreed that this would provide little relief to residents who rely on the program and likely would not come close to covering the shortfall. Further discussion of the presentation was postponed until the closed session this evening.

Municipal Court Update

No meeting was held.

Fire Board Report

Trustee Elam reported that the 2026 Holmen Area Fire Department budget is on track, and the draft 2027 budget is currently being prepared.

Bluffland Coalition Report

Trustee Kube reported that the group is requesting an annual contribution from each participating municipality. Board members discussed that they had been told when joining the group that fees would never be charged and questioned how the requested contributions would be used. Members also discussed potential duplication of efforts between the group and the La Crosse County Conservation Department. The

Board thanked Trustee Kube for representing the Village on the committee but agreed they did not feel it is appropriate to provide fees to participate in this group.

County Supervisor's Report

County Supervisor Kovacevich asked President Barlow to report on a potential speed reduction on Holmen Drive that the County is considering.

President's Report

President Barlow reported that the Local Area Planning Committee will be learning more about the Regional Transit Study and Traffic Safety Study this fall.

Other Items before the Board

Captain Spears mentioned that one of the officers will be leaving for the private sector the position opening is open for applicants.

Director Geary pointed out that there will be a movie in the park this Friday followed by the Touch a Truck event on Saturday.

Trustee Wyss inquired whether the proposed speed reduction on Holmen Drive would require a traffic study, as a speed reduction on County Road D would, and asked what differences between the two situations would determine whether a study is required. Administrator Heinig stated that the difference is in part tied to the fact that the County has a new, more reasonable Commissioner, as well as a recent accident next to the elementary school on Holmen Drive that drew significant attention and the ear of the County and Commissioner. The fact that the school is there and was/is impacted, is key in the difference from Hwy. D (which has no school). Heinig continued that he recommended the County wait until the Hwy. 35 section of the Hwy. HD area was upgraded with traffic lights and also included a lower speed limit, so they could be done consistently, as the DOT would not support reduction on the Hwy. 35 section until that time, and having Hwy. HD reduced without Hwy. 35 was not sensible.

At 8:32 pm, Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss 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: Holmen Area Fire District Investments

Purpose: Purchase of Land

Purpose: Shared Ride Contract Negotiations with Municipal Partners

The motion carried 7-0.

At 10:00 pm, Doug Jorstad/Sam Kube motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried 7-0.

No action items were needed after closed session.

Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 pm. The motion carried 7-0.

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