

**Village of Holmen
Board Proceedings
September 8, 2022**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 8, 2022, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Board members present: Patrick Barlow, Doug Jorstad, Micah Wyss, Rod Stanek, Travis Elam and Dawn Kulcinski. Rich Anderson was excused. Also present were Jeremy Cook, Mike Lavery, Tony Kropelin, Troy Brindle, Unknown Attendee, Pam Viner, Attorney Weber, Administrator Heinig, Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg, Public Works Director Mezera, Chief Collins, Engineer Dahl and Park and Recreation Director Brogan.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 Board meeting and August 23, 2022 Special Board Meeting as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Planning Commission

No meeting was held.

Park, Recreation and Library Committee

Informational items only.

Law Enforcement Committee

No meeting was held.

Public Works Committee

Rod Stanek/Travis Elam motioned to approve Cole Addition Six Improvements. Engineer Dahl stated that once final items are complete, the improvements will be administratively approved. The motion carried 6-0.

Rod Stanek/Doug Jorstad motioned to approve contract with Christen Nursery in the amount of \$11,019.79 to supply and install replacement trees on Holmen Drive. Director Mezera remarked that trees will be planted this fall; these are the best trees for the area and the contract includes replacement and trimming of existing trees as needed. The motion carried 6-0.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Doug Jorstad/Rod Stanek motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$3,781,409.38. The motion carried 6-0.

Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to approve Resolution 9-2022, Resolution in Recognition of Curt Witynski and Gail Sumi. Administrator Heinig commented that Curt and Gail will retire from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities; this resolution is in recognition of their many years of service. The motion carried 6-0.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve 2023-2025 Assessor Contract with Associated Appraisal. Administrator Heinig advised the Committee that the costs for this contract have significantly increased. He stated that while this is disappointing, Associated Appraisal does a very good job and after discussion with other municipalities, he doesn't have any recommendations for a good replacement for this contract. The motion carried 6-0.

Shared Ride Committee

No meeting was held.

Municipal Court Update

Informational items only.

Fire Board Report

President Barlow remarked that referendum education efforts have begun. He mentioned that the Town of Onalaska submitted intent to withdraw from the District; while this creates an obstacle, our efforts will continue. Barlow stated that losing the Town of Onalaska's contribution to the District will make it even more imperative to inform the residents of public safety needs.

Bluffland Coalition Report

Rod Stanek mentioned that La Crosse County pledged funds to the Coalition for the purpose of obtaining land for recreational use.

County Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Viner stated that the County is working on guidelines for road and bridge construction. She commented that ARPA funds are approved for use in neighborhood revitalization, storm water projects, and Hillview Health Care Center. Viner noted that the hiring process for County Administrator has begun.

President's Report

Informational items only.

Other Items before the Board

Director Brogan mentioned the Holmen Library will celebrate their five year anniversary; Movie in the Park will be held this Friday and there are two more Concerts in the Park this season.

Administrator Heinig thanked the Holmen Police and Fire Department members for coordinating efforts to encourage residents' support of the referendum with an informative public message.

Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg stated that the 2023 Draft Budget has been distributed; special meeting will be held October 3, 2022, to discuss.

Trustee Wyss thanked staff for efforts on the 2023 Budget.

Trustee Kulcinski thanked the Holmen Fire Department.

President Barlow thanked staff for all the extra efforts during Kornfest.

Trustee Elam inquired about population sign variances throughout Holmen. Director Mezera stated that new Village signs are ordered to match the County population signs on the State highways.

Trustee Stanek thanked those involved with Public Safety Referendum endeavors.

Closed Session

At 7:40 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: Fire District Discussions

The motion carried 6-0.

At 8:07 pm, Dawn Kulcinski/Doug Jorstad motioned to reconvene into open session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2). The motion carried 6-0.

No action items were required after closed session.

Doug Jorstad/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. The motion carried 6-0.

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