

**Village of Holmen  
Board Proceedings  
November 11, 2021**

President Barlow called the Holmen Village Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm on November 11, 2021, at the Holmen Village Hall.

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Minutes**

Rich Anderson/Brandon Cain motioned to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Planning Commission**

Rich Anderson/Rod Stanek motioned to approve Preliminary Plat of Sunrise Addition of Hwy V and Marie Drive contingent on the revisions to required easements, the lot sizes specified, the final storm water/utility engineering that no less than \$90,000 in parkland donation be made and that all outstanding actions be resolved before the signing of the developer's agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

**Park, Recreation and Library Committee**

No meeting was held.

**Law Enforcement Committee**

Informational items only.

**Public Works Committee**

No meeting was held.

**Finance and Personnel Committee**

Doug Jorstad/Micah Wyss motioned to approve payment of the claims as presented for a total amount of \$819,402.50. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Jorstad/Brandon Cain motioned to approve Professional Services Agreement with MSA Professional Services Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 for architectural services for design of new North Shop and Site. Administrator Heinig explained this would be the first step in planning for facilities on the newly purchased lot located at 1625 Granary Street. The motion carried unanimously.

**Shared Ride Committee**

Trustee Wyss reported that ridership increased by 290 (from 706 to 996 from September 2020 to September 2021).

**Municipal Court Update**

No meeting was held.

**Fire Board Report**

President Barlow reported that the fire department has approved a working budget for 2022 which will include an approximate 10% increase across the communities. He stated that they have also begun to discuss public safety referendum language and reached out to Grand Chute for advice on a recent similar successful referendum.

**County Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Pam Viner stated that the County budget has been approved and the new mill rate will reduce from \$3.478 to \$3.210 per thousand. She mentioned that there were unused funds in La Crosse County's economic development budget; she encouraged Holmen to share any ideas on how to utilize some of those funds as the fastest growing community in the County.

**President's Report**

Informational items only.

**Other Items before the Board**

Chief Collins indicated that warnings will continue to be issued for violations of alternate side parking until a significant snowfall occurs.

Public Works Director Mezera shared that the compost site will close after November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Park & Recreation Director Brogan commented that there will be a free sled spot located at the Holmen Area Library; donations are encouraged.

Administrator Heinig remarked that the new housing affordability report has been shared in members' boxes. He thanked the Board and staff for all of the efforts to create and approve a solid budget; he stated he was proud of all.

Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg reminded the Board that beginning December 1st, trustee candidates will be able to begin collecting signatures to be on the Spring 2022 ballot. Trustees with terms ending are Rod Stanek, Brandon Cain and Micah Wyss. She wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Wyss thanked Administrator Heinig and Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg for strategizing financing for future bonding and projects to try to reduce the burden on the taxpayer. Trustee Kulcinski echoed the same.

Trustee Anderson thanked Heinig and Hornberg for their efforts on the 2022 budget and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Stanek thanked Heinig and Hornberg as well and stated that he appreciates them going the extra mile to put together a sound financial strategy for the future. He also thanked staff for working well together on the creation of the budget. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and inquired as to the future status of the Fed Ex building. Administrator Heinig stated that it was undetermined at this time but the site could be utilized for many different types of development.

Trustee Kulcinski complimented the upgrades on Sand Lake Road; she stated she is especially excited to see that the new walking trail is being used by many. Heinig remarked that he was very proud of the Village's part in the addition of the trail for the community and is very glad it is so well used already.

President Barlow echoed everyone's thanks and wished everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

Brandon Cain/Dawn Kulcinski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Angela A. Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer