

Meeting Minutes
Village of Holmen Finance and Personnel Committee
July 6, 2021

The meeting of the Holmen Finance and Personnel Committee was held Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at the Holmen Village Hall.

Administrator Heinig called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the absence of Committee Chair Jorstad.

Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to nominate Micah Wyss as the temporary chair to begin the meeting.

Present at the meeting: Committee members Rich Anderson and Micah Wyss. Also, in attendance were President Patrick Barlow, Administrator Heinig and Clerk/Treasurer Hornberg. Chair Doug Jorstad arrived at 5:08 pm.

Approval of Minutes Rich Anderson/Micah Wyss motioned to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment None.

Clerk/Treasurer Report Hornberg stated that the Village recently received fifty percent of approved ARPA Recovery Funds in the amount of \$525,122.14; the remaining \$525,122.14 will be received in June of 2022. The funds were placed in a newly created revenue account and will be reserved for a use to be determined in the future.

Review Claims and Financial Statements The Committee reviewed all claims for payment.

Consideration of Licenses Micah Wyss/Rich Anderson motioned to recommend approval of Temporary Amendment to Liquor Premises for Specific Event for American Legion Kornfest to be held on August 20-22, 2021, at Halfway Creek Park, 419 1st Avenue West. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report Heinig updated the Committee on recent Planning Committee discussions regarding proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments in newly annexed areas, as well as updates to the Design Standards to ensure consistency and material flexibility in Industrial areas. He mentioned that this week the Board will review Ordinance 5-2021, for elimination of Chapter 78-11 and proposed modifications to Chapter 195 to ensure consistency in definitions. Heinig mentioned that the Storlie property purchase for the North Water Project will close tomorrow and that the North Water System design is almost complete. He remarked that the recent Joint Review Board went well; unfortunately, TIF #2 is running short on time to show a profit. The district is now developing remarkably, but an additional two years would be ideal. Heinig mentioned that employee reviews were in process and that the summer employee Recreation and Aquatic Center need has been successfully filled; he thanked the Committee for recent action in increasing wage scales. He commented that the park design is going well; they have scaled back some original wish list items but all agreed it was important to design the parks for the best use, as well as ensuring sufficient parking and green space. The park plans will be brought before Committee and Board for review in the next few months. Heinig mentioned that the Hwy V Water/Sewer system is being reviewed for cost/benefit analysis; infrastructure cost versus realistic, potential growth options. He stated that the WWTP continues to be a problem to complete; he recently insisted on a change in Engineers from SEH but parts and supplies continue to be an issue.

The Committee discussed creating a message to share with media regarding the HAFD and La Crosse Fire Department collaboration to ensure there is no confusion regarding taxpayer burden on either side. The proposed agreement ensures safety and administration of the Department, and the revenue and expenses on each side have been appropriately vetted and agreed upon.

Adjourn Micah Wyss/Rich Anderson motioned to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Minutes by Angela Hornberg, Village Clerk/Treasurer