

**Village of Holmen  
Public Works Committee  
December 4, 2014**

Chairman Rich Anderson called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday December 4, 2014. Members present: Anderson, Ebner and Jorstad. Also present: Administrator Heinig and Director of Public Works Dean Olson.

Motion by Jorstad, seconded by Ebner, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting - carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Director's Monthly Report**

**Sanitary Sewer Department**

The WWTP has been operating well. Sludge spreading is currently being done because of delays caused by the cold weather. I met with the City of Onalaska to discuss their 2015 street project to include a section of the forcemain associated with the Regionalization. The firm we are under contract with for sludge hauling has not been as easy to work with and as reliable as expected. We currently have one more year on the existing contract, but will be exploring requesting proposals for a new contract. Terminating the existing one, or possibly investigate spreading the sludge using Village Staff. An update will be presented at the next meeting.

**Water Department**

We continue to replace water meters and are approaching our goal of 277 meters for 2014. We had a water main leak on the 24<sup>th</sup> on N. Main Street. McHugh came in to make the necessary repairs and we found a bolt on a joint fitting had corroded causing the failure. A section of main was replaced using sleeves and put back in service on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking at other areas next summer that have also has indications of bolt corrosion to try and avoid major replacements by performing minor upgrades with new bolts, if needed. We have received numerous calls from residents regarding whether to let their water run or not. As yet, we have not advised anyone to let their water run to avoid freezing. Well #5 Rehab is underway. The contractor ran into a problem trying to clean the well screen They took the pump back to the shop to dismantle and inspect it and will discuss possible alternatives to clean the well screen. We are continuing discussions with the PSC regarding frozen water service requirements.

**Street Department**

We met with the Town of Holland to discuss plowing routes. Staff plowed snow on 11/24 and early on 11/28 and also spread sand that afternoon. We plan to also meet with the Town of Onalaska to discuss plowing routes in areas where we share portions of roads. The contracts for the Sunset Stop Light project are in place, but construction will not commence until spring.

### **Storm Water Department**

We are chipped brush this week – 2 days. The Compost Site is closed.

### **Other**

We are in the process of updating the Village Boundary legal description. A schedule of anticipated projects for 2015 will be presented at the next meeting. Since the next scheduled meeting would fall on January 1, 2015, it was decided the Public Works Committee will meet at 6:30 on January 7<sup>th</sup>, following the regular Park & Recreation Committee meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Ebner, seconded by Jorstad to adjourn at 7:00 PM - carried unanimously.

Dean K. Olson  
Director of Public Works