

**VILLAGE OF HOLMEN AND TOWN OF HOLLAND  
PLAN COMMISSION  
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**

February 27, 2017

Village Administrator Scott Heinig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows: Village of Holmen Plan Commission Chair Nancy Proctor, members Rich Anderson, Steve Johnston, Ron Sacia, Rod Stanek, and the Town of Holland Chair Robert Stupi, members Mitch Cholewa, Andrew Dobkoski, Mitch Fenske, Jeff Herlitzke, Doug Klenke, and Kurt Kroner. A quorum was present. Others present: Village Attorney Brian Weber, Village Administrator Scott Heinig and Town Clerk Marilyn Pedretti.

Heinig opened the floor for nominations to chair the hearing. Motion by Cholewa/Kroner to nominate Robert Stupi. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Chair Stupi outlined the procedure for the evening. Heinig outlined the process of the agreement to this point. Both reinforced the concept that a boundary agreement is collaborative rather than adversarial. Stupi and Heinig gave a presentation outlining the background, goals and concepts of the draft boundary agreement.

Motion by Proctor/Cholewa to go into the public hearing. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Mike Drugan, W7567 Castle Mound Road, thanked the leadership of both communities. He and his wife request being excluded from the designated annexation area. He explained three reasons for this request: (1) it is awkward to be part in the Village and part in the Town; (2) they don't want their options limited; and (3) they have already invested in the services that an annexation would offer.

Patrick Barlow, 907 Dana Lane and County Board Supervisor for both municipalities, applauded the direction of the draft agreement. He questioned if the tax revenue was equitable, was encouraged by sharing infrastructure, and requested that not all the area be developed but allow for some green space when planning for the future.

Jay Fernholz, 401 Russell Drive, noted he was a town resident for 37 years and recently moved into the village and was pleased with the excellent collaborative effort that will positively affect the tax base. Fernholz requested that both municipalities provide an option for the wildlife to migrate between the bluffs and the National Wildlife Refuge/Black River. He agreed with Mr. Barlow that some land be preserved rather than all developed.

Justin Kleinsmith, 702 Deerwood Street, noted he owns property in the town that he would like to keep in the family but was concerned with having to obtain approval from both Plan Commissions in order to build a home. He had a list of questions that, since they could not be answered this evening, he will present at a later meeting.

No further public comment given.

Motion by Proctor/Stanek to close the public hearing. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

Stupi noted that the Village of Holmen Planning Commission will meet tomorrow (Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m. and the Town of Holland Plan Commission will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the Village Board will meet on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and the Town Board will meet on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> to consider any recommendations from their respective commissions.

**MOTION** by Klenke/Anderson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Marilyn J. Pedretti  
Town Clerk