

## TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2018

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Mike Hoffman, Jerome Pedretti, Robert Stupi, Kathy Warzynski
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Town Crew Gary Hofer

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michaels called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices and an addendum were properly posted.

### MINUTES

Motion by J Pedretti/Warzynski to approve the October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes.

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS TO PAY

The September Treasurer's report was reviewed. The bills to pay were reviewed. Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to approve the November bills in the amount of \$78,894.78. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS' CONCERNS:** none given.

### COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Patrick Barlow, County Supervisor, reported that there was an 85% voter turn-out in La Crosse County last week and he reported on the results of the road referenda questions. Matt Nikolay, County Supervisor, reported on the County budget numbers, noting an 8¢ decrease in the mill rate.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Town Policy: Michaels reported the Town crew work shirts have been delivered. Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to amend the Employee Handbook to add Section 706 Work Apparel. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Rotterdam Road contract work: Stupi reported that the original estimate did not include shouldering and shaping along Rotterdam Road, thus the additional invoice. He did note that the initial invoice was less than estimated so the increase was only \$1,500 over the previously approved amount. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to amend the amount approved to connect Rotterdam Road to the Village subdivision to a final cost of \$21,981.10. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Rotterdam Road stop signs: Michaels explained the concerns with speeding along Rotterdam Road. Wanda Hutchings, W7923 Prairie Woods Street, reported constant speeding issues along the stretch of Rotterdam and was concerned for neighbors and folks walking along the road. She requested a stop sign or two for safety. Doug Klenke, N6954 Sunrise Lane, noted that his subdivision has tons of stop signs and people blow right through them and that they do not help with speeding. David Hutchings, W7923 Prairie Woods Street, noted people ignore the speed limit signs and was concerned with safety. Clerk Pedretti gave background on the long range plan and reported the Village of Holmen will not be placing any stop signs on Rotterdam due to the fact this is a collector street. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to try to slow the traffic with the radar speed

sign and to ask for extra attention from the County Sheriff and the Village of Holmen police department. Item will be revisited.

Town crew updates: Crew member Gary Hofer referenced a written report and discussed the truck light replacement list. He noted the International has an issue with leaking hydraulics. Discussion followed. Motion by Stupi/Hoffman to approve the single LED plow light for \$395 contingent on the hydraulic RAM repair not depleting the funds or being under warranty. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

## **PLAN COMMISSION**

Zoning Appeal: Stupi explained the request by Del and Joan Schreck, W7560 Price Court, to allow for a variance on Lot #34 of Castle Heights Subdivision (on Price Court) to build a home within the building set-back. He noted the applicant was not currently in attendance. Stupi reported the Plan Commission did not feel hardship was proven because the applicant purchased the lot knowing the powerline was coming through and that they could build a smaller house on the lot without a variance. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to deny the variance on the lot of Del and Joan Schreck, W7560 Price Court, for Zoning Appeal 2018-25. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit – Cell Tower: Stupi explained the request by Bug Tussel Wireless, o/b/o Richard Daffinson, N7242 County Road HD, to install a cell tower on the northwest corner of parcel 8-406-0. He reported the Plan Commission requested the tower be relocated to the southwest corner to alleviate concerns with the fall zone and that a light be added for safety of the flight pattern to the Holland airport. Ken Franzen, Bug Tussel, answered questions. Daffinson noted the agreement is for a 300' x 300' fenced in area and would be positioned on the back side of the lot with plenty of screening. Franzen explained the First Net and federal safety aspects of the planned cell towers within La Crosse County. Stupi noted the Village of Holmen will need to be contacted as this is within the Boundary Agreement area. Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to approve Conditional Use Permit for Bug Tussel Wireless o/b/o Richard Daffinson to install a cell tower on the southwest corner of parcel 8-406-0 and to include a light at the top of the tower. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit – Dog Kennel: Stupi explained the request by Richard Daffinson, N7242 County Road HD, to allow a commercial animal establishment on an approximately 20 acre parcel zoned agriculture. He reported the Plan Commission suggested that a rezone to Commercial would be more appropriate. Stupi noted that the applicant should contact the Village as the area is within the Boundary Agreement area. Daffinson outlined his plans for a kennel and possible phasing of additional grooming facilities and retail. He reported he is working with La Crosse County Zoning. No action taken.

Nitrate Task Force Study: Stupi reported the Plan Commission reviewed the Nitrate Task Force Report that was presented to the La Crosse County Health and Human Services Board. No action taken.

Report on 11/7/18 meeting: Stupi reported they provided input concerning the fee schedule.

## **FIRE BOARD**

J Pedretti referenced the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and noted that Village Trustee Steve Johnston resigned. He reviewed the November 7<sup>th</sup> minutes and noted Rolly Bogert, Town of Onalaska, was elected as president to fill the opening by Steve Johnston and that Buck Manley was promoted to Fire Chief.

## **2019 BUDGET**

2019 Budget: No changes made. Item will be on next month's agenda for approval.

Levy adjustment: Clerk Pedretti explained the levy adjustment would cover the loan payment for the fire truck, which will cost a taxpayer approximately \$85 for a \$200,000 home. Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to approve the adjustment to the levy limit in the amount of \$144,127.25. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

2019 Fee schedule: Stupi reported the Plan Commission suggested the following fees be added: for short term rentals \$50 for a new application and an annual renewal of \$25; commercial fireworks set at \$50 a permit and Commercial Site Plan application fee of \$500. Clerk Pedretti noted two additional liquor license fees were added. No other changes were suggested.

UW Extension Property Tax Report: Clerk Pedretti thanked Karl Green at the UW Extension for providing several graphs and charts that explain the revenues and expenditures as well as tax breakdown. She suggested some of the charts could be include in the annual newsletter and asked for input. Discussion followed.

2019 Town newsletter: Clerk Pedretti reviewed the draft newsletter and asked for input. It was the consensus that the Treasurer could drop the Saturday collection hours but should cover the full office hours on the days coinciding with the Clerk. Other articles were suggested and it was the consensus to produce an 8-page newsletter.

#### **RESOLUTION 2018-11: LOAN**

Discussion took place on whether to seek a loan to pay for road repairs. It was the consensus to absorb the costs with general reserves.

#### **DOG SUBCOMMITTEE**

Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to appoint Daryl Ciokiewicz to the Dog Park Subcommittee. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

#### **ASSESSOR CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

The Board reviewed the proposed amendment to the Associated Appraisal contract that would include "revaluation add-on service" in 2019-2020. Motion by Warzynski/Stupi to accept this contract with revaluation add on service. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

#### **EMPLOYEE REVIEWS**

It was the consensus to conduct employee reviews in closed session at the end of the December meeting. Employees will be required to fill out a review form and be present at the meeting.

**REPORT:** Clerk Pedretti provided a written report on the 2018 WTA annual convention.

**FUTURE AGENDA:** 2019 Budget

#### **ADJOURN**

Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn J. Pedretti  
Town Clerk