

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Mike Hoffman, Jerome Pedretti, Robert Stupi, Kathy Warzynski
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion by Hoffman/Stupi to approve the minutes of February 13th. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Katie Pongratz, W7950 August Avenue, reported there is water over their road. She asked the Town to help resolve the issue and asked that at least signage be installed.

Trent Gander, W8079 August Avenue, asked for suggestions from the Town on how to alleviate the water issue.

Tiffany Lein, N6855 Sand Prairie Court, asked for the Town's assistance in clearing snow around the clustered mailboxes.

Bill Favre, W7949 August Avenue, asked for assistance with their water issue.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Patrick Barlow, County Supervisor, reported the County Highway Department has informed municipalities there is no more salt at this time due to a shipping delay. He wanted to inform the public that the County does offer Veterans services and noted there is a Veterans Benefits event on March 28th at the Radisson.

SMART METERS

Molly Jones, N6977 Pine Lane, discussed her concerns with the "smart meters" installed by Riverland Energy. She wanted to be sure the public was aware of the possible health issues and that there is an "opt out" program. She provided some background documents.

PUBLIC WORKS

Review snow plowing issues: Michaels reported all three crew members were present tonight and thanked them for their hard work. Stupi reported the Town received a lot of calls. He noted the Town is not able to get the roads as clean as the county since we cannot use straight salt and that we do not have the manpower to work 24/7. Michaels added that the Town has 45 miles of road, split into three routes which can take 8-13 hours per route to plow. Jeff Paulson, N7863 Amsterdam Prairie Road, asked if there is a protocol of when to send out the trucks. Stupi reported there is no minimum and it is a judgment call.

Mailbox cluster policy: Clerk Pedretti gave background on the two subdivisions with mailbox clusters. David Lein, N6855 Sand Prairie Court, explained their covenants do not list anything about maintaining the area and asked for assistance. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to use the smaller plow truck after a snow event to clear a path along

the Wildflower mailbox cluster and continue to do a swipe along the Cottonwood boxes but that residents would be responsible for detail cleaning. It was also suggested that the Plan Commission review the mailbox cluster requirements to accommodate snow plows.

Freightliner truck issues: John Frauenkron, Town Crew, reported the emission issue appears to have self-adjusted but they will keep an eye on the situation.

2019 seal coating list: Discussion followed concerning the seal coating list, crack filling and timing. It was the consensus to seek quotes for the projected 2019 list and to include streets that have not been seal coated since 2010. The Clerk was also directed to seek input from the County Highway Department concerning crack filling a year in advance.

Town crew updates: A written report was reviewed. Michaels asked about road sign replacements and the crew reported they have replaced a majority but work continues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire protection services: Stupi asked for continued discussion on potential options. J Pedretti reported the 5-year contract was signed in 2015 and should be renegotiated. Warzynski noted the special charge option could be complicated. Fire Chief Manley suggested contacting the Town of Onalaska as they have begun the process.

2/21/19 meeting report: J. Pedretti reported that calls were up in January and that the Fire Department is hosting a candidate night on March 19th. He noted there are mechanical issues with both the Quint and rescue trucks. Chief Manley reported on the repair work being conducted.

GAYNOR PARK SWING

Warzynski reported the swing quote was for the Gaynor Park, in which the current swing is out of code and in need of repairs. Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to approve Lee Recreation as the vendor for \$2,525 for a new swing set for Gaynor Park. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE

Clerk Pedretti reviewed a written request to serve on the Wisconsin Elections Commission Committee. The Board had no objections to her serving on the state board.

TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS TO PAY

The February Treasurer's report was reviewed. Stupi reported on the Riverland Energy solar bills and the conclusion that the rebates have concluded and the Town will now be paying a facility charge. The bills to pay were reviewed. Motion by Stupi/Warzynski to approve the bills for \$114,349.89. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FUTURE AGENDA

Reminder of the March 20th BCL funds public input session and a DNR ag permitting public input session (Babcock permit renewal) tomorrow at 10:00. Election day is April 2nd.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Stupi/J Pedretti to enter closed session, under Wisc. Statutes 19.85(c) for: "...consideration of employment, compensation or performance evaluation data..." of Town employees to wit: *review job descriptions and responsibilities*. Roll call: **MOTION** carried unanimously. Entered closed session at 7:53 p.m. Town Crew members Gary Hofer, Norman Clark and John Frauenkron and Clerk Pedretti were asked to remain.

Returned to open session at 8:29 p.m. Michaels reported no official action taken during closed session.

ADJOURN

Motion by J Pedretti/Stupi to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk