

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion by Warzynski/J Pedretti to approve the minutes of April 11th and April 18th. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS TO PAY

The April Treasurer's report was reviewed. The bills to pay were reviewed. Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$84,908.84. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Brian O'Neil, N8327 McWain Drive, asked the Board to support the ordinance to allow for chickens.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT

Patrick Barlow, County Supervisor, reported he is now chair of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and they are in the process of hiring a new landfill director. He noted the County Board will have a planning meeting soon to discuss future needs and focus.

PUBLIC WORKS

Truck repairs: Gary Hofer, Town Crew, reported the radiator on the Sterling had a massive leak. Discussion followed concerning the two quotes received and possible options. The Board directed Hofer to explore the option of repairing the current radiator and replacing if needed. Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to repair the Sterling with Jeff Baker not to exceed \$2,000. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Hofer reported the Freightliner needs a repair to the fuel pump mechanism that separates the water. Discussion followed. Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to have Jeff Baker repair the Freightliner not to exceed \$241.92. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Power broom: Clerk Pedretti explained the request to purchase the old power broom held in storage. Discussion followed. Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to endeavor to sell the old power broom and the Town Chair is authorized to negotiate a price. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Updates: Hofer referred to the written report. He noted they did chipping the past two days and are working to clean up trees in ditches. J Pedretti asked the crew to give the bike trail some attention to smooth out the ruts.

PLAN COMMISSION

CUP – Dog Kennel: Elana Bakalov, W6852 Heram Road, requested a permit to allow a commercial animal establishment on an eight acre parcel. Warzynski reported for the

Plan Commission. She noted they had extensive discussion on the request to house French bull dogs, the applicant provided a detailed impact statement and Ms. Bakalov has contacted all the necessary licensing agencies. Warzynski referred the Board to the 14 conditions established as follows:

1. This permit is granted in order to operate a commercial animal establishment for a maximum of 10 adult French bull dogs.
2. This permit is valid only with an approved commercial animal establishment permit and upon payment of the yearly permit fee as indicated by the La Crosse County Health Department.
3. The owner must stay in compliance with Chapter 11 of La Crosse County's Code of Ordinance, which deals with minimum standards which provide for construction materials, spaces allowed for each dog, temperature control, cleaning, air exchange, food storage, potable water and vaccination.
4. The owner will have limited on-site customers and will provide off street parking.
5. No signage is authorized.
6. No employees except for family members.
7. The Humane Society will perform inspections and declare compliance or issue citations, as contracted with La Crosse County.
8. Only those kennel and runway areas that meet the Health code are included in this permit.
9. It may be necessary at times to reduce the number of dogs until compliance with the Health code is obtained. Until then the owners are subject to the termination of this permit.
10. Absolutely no animal waste products generated from this permit are allowed to surface or otherwise drain to the water way. Animal waste shall be disposed with a private waste removal company.
11. This permit is nontransferable.
12. A state tax identification number is require to record sales tax and to report the County's one-half of a percent sales tax.
13. The owners must provide a written training and socialization plan to be followed and disseminated to all new owners of their dogs.
14. The owners shall keep a record of return buyers to insure they have not improperly disposed of previous dogs before they receive any new ones.

Discussion followed. Motion by Warzynski/Hoffman to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the 14 conditions the Plan Commission developed. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 5/2/18 meeting: Warzynski noted the Plan Commission discussed possible changes to the Dog Ordinance. She noted language will be needed to allow for the dog kennel just approved. She also requested amendments to limit the amount of third dog requests and to provide for stronger enforcement of the leash law.

FIRE BOARD

Fire permit fees: J Pedretti asked for input concerning an idea to begin charging for fire permits.

Discussion followed. There were no objections to the idea.

Ladder truck repairs: J Pedretti reported on the costs to repair the 1989 ladder truck and the need to replace rather than repair. Discussion followed. Doug Klenke, N6954 Sunrise Lane, suggested they ask the City of Onalaska for a mutual agreement to share their ladder truck. J Pedretti explained the City would assist temporarily but would not on a long-term basis due to concerns with response times.

Fire district creation: J Pedretti explained the Fire Board is looking at various options for funding and is exploring the idea of forming a Fire District in which they could create a special charge per person on tax bills. Discussion followed. It was the consensus to study further.

Report on 4/18/18 and 5/2/18 meetings: Michaels reviewed the fire calls. J Pedretti reported the Fire Chief is retiring in August and noted they are exploring State funding options.

ZONING INPUT: LIVESTOCK

Warzynski was encouraged with the changes made to the Zoning amendment concerning household livestock. Klenke expressed concern with how the violators will be policed. Michaels suggested waiting until the draft is approved by the County Board and sent to each municipality before the Town takes action. Item tabled.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Michaels reported the following applications for liquor licenses are in process: Holmen Rod & Gun Club, Holmen Gunslick, Drugan's Castle Mound and Whispering Pines Campground.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Clerk Pedretti reported the Open Book takes place this Thursday, 3-5 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Hoffman/Warzynski 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 discuss Town crew opening. Roll call vote: **MOTION** carried unanimously. Entered closed session at 8:10 p.m. Clerk Pedretti was asked to remain.

Returned to open session at 8:15 p.m. No action taken during Closed Session.

Motion by Hoffman/J Pedretti to give the interview committee the authority to go ahead and hire a new Town crew member. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion by J Pedretti/Hoffman to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti
Town Clerk