

TOWN OF HOLLAND BOARD MEETING

November 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Steve Michaels, Supervisors Ben Filter (via zoom), Jeff Herlitzke, Steve Mieden, Jerome Pedretti
STAFF PRESENT	Clerk Marilyn Pedretti, Town Crew John Frauenkron

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michaels called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Notices were posted.

MINUTES

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve the minutes of October 14th, November 4th and November 10th. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Bob Stupi, N7577 County Road XX, reported on his way to the meeting he witnessed a truck on Town property that looked like they were removing trees in George Hammes Park along the drainage easement. Town Crew Supervisor John Frauenkron reported they cut down the trees that day and a local resident was given permission to remove the wood.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT: none given.

BROADBAND IN RURAL AREAS

Jason Holter, W6632 County Road T, explained his frustration with the lack of broadband in the rural area. He said he is looking for a sustainable solution to provide service and explained the importance of broadband for their jobs and for virtual learning for their children. He listed the various companies he has contacted over the last five months and their lack of assistance. Holter noted that after talking with Congressman Ron Kind's and the Wisconsin Broadband offices, it was suggested to work at the local level and was requesting assistance from the Town. Discussion followed. It was the consensus that Herlitzke and Filter will work with Holter to formulate some options.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Mary Lin Wershofen, W6610 Schilling Road, on behalf of the Holmen Area Community Center (HACC), reported a conversation she had with the Executive Director of the HACC and he identified a great need for social and emotional wellness. Bob Stupi noted their programming is growing, some virtually and some in-person, and that the funds would be put to good use for programming, not painting walls. Discussion followed concerning whether the Town should focus in one key area or fall under an "umbrella" of needs and on the process for accountability. It was the consensus to put the Town funds towards "support and wellness" programming.

Motion by Mieden/J Pedretti that we authorize Board Chair Steve Michaels to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Holmen Area Community Center. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

COVID UPDATE

Hall/Office status: Discussion took place concerning current process and future plans during the pandemic. Clerk Pedretti relayed a request by the Town treasurer to cancel in-person tax collection and dog tag renewal for safety reasons. Discussion followed. It was the

consensus to request tax/dog payments be made using the drop box, US mail or on-line payments, to limit access to the clerk's office by appointment only beginning December 1st through the end of January and that no hall rentals take place December and January. The Board will continue to monitor and update each month.

Routes to Recovery Grant Funds: Clerk Pedretti explained the request by La Crosse County for allocation of left-over grant funds. Fire Chief Buck Manley asked if some of the funds could be allocated to the Holmen Area Fire Department. Discussion followed concerning timing and the requirement that funds be spent under the COVID grant qualifications. Motion by Filter/Mieden that 90% exceeding funds go to La Crosse County and 10% to the Holman Area Fire Department with the stipulation that everything is in line this Friday. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution #2020-6: Locust Road

RESOLUTION 2020-6

Vacating Locust Street

WHEREAS, the Town of Holland desires to vacate the town road known Locust Street; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining landowners (within the platted Lancer Estates subdivision), Ryan and Sarah Lundberg and Terrence and Mura McKinney have agreed to accept ownership of the respective portions of said road; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020, a hearing was held on the proposed vacating of said Locust Street; and

WHEREAS, at the public meeting held immediately following the public hearing, the Town Electors voted ten yeas and zero nays to vacate said Locust Street; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020 the Town Board did duly and personally examine Locust Street as required by State of Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 82.10 concerning the vacating of town roadways;

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Holland hereby vacates all of the existing town road known as Locust Street, legally described as follows:*

All that part of Locust Street as shown on the plat of Lancer Estates (document number 904793), located in the SW¹/₄-NW¹/₄, Section 2, T17N, R7W, Town of Holland, La Crosse County, Wisconsin described as follows: That part of Locust Street lying South of Lots 18 and 19 of said Lancer Estates; lying West of the West line of the portion of Locust Street that was already vacated in a resolution recorded in Vol. 1469, Page 356 (document number 1278516); lying North of Lots 1 and 6, Block 3 of the plat of August Prairie (document number 1455654); lying East of the East line of Birch Street extended Northerly from the plat of August Prairie to connect with the Southwest corner of Lot 19 of said Lancer Estates.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2020.

Motion by J Pedretti/Mieden to approve Resolution 2020-6 for vacating Locust Street. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-7: Wolfe Road**RESOLUTION 2020-7*****Vacating the Western Portion of Wolfe Road***

WHEREAS, the Town of Holland desires to vacate the western portion of Wolfe Road, starting at the Mathy property line and continuing west to the road termini; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining landowner Mathy Construction Company has agreed to accept ownership of the respective portion of said road; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020, a hearing was held on the proposed vacating of said portion of Wolfe Road; and

WHEREAS, at the public meeting held immediately following the public hearing, the Town Electors voted ten yeas and zero nays to vacate said portion of Wolfe Road; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020 the Town Board did duly and personally examine the western portion of Wolfe Road, beginning at the Mathy property line and continuing west to the road termini, as required by State of Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 82.10 concerning the vacating of town roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Holland hereby vacates the western portion of Wolfe Road beginning at the Mathy property line and continuing to the road termini, legally described as follows:

Vacating a portion of Wolfe Road being part of the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and part of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, Town 18 North, Range 7 West, Town of Holland, La Crosse County, Wisconsin lying north and west of a line described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 19, T.18N., R.7W.; thence N 63°36'44"E a distance of 1387.87 feet to the north right of way of Wolfe road and the point of beginning of the line being described; thence S 28°50'55"W a distance of 66.00 feet to the southerly right of way of Wolfe road and the end of the line being described.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2020.

Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve Resolution 2020-7 to vacate the western portion of Wolfe Road. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Sand/Salt delivery: Frauenkron indicated that the Sandbox Express has been good to work with in the past. Motion by Mieden/J Pedretti to approve the Sandbox Express as our sand/salt delivery supplier for the 2020-21 season. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Town crew report: Frauenkron reviewed the written crew report. Discussion followed concerning the Sunrise Lane drainage pond and stumps left in the August Prairie retention areas. Frauenkron will follow-up.

PLAN COMMISSION

Castle Mound Condo plat: Roger Lowery, 1400 Pine, representing the Castle Mound Condo developers, presented an estimate of \$41,600 for the removal of asphalt and subgrade work on Castle Mound Road, to be completed in 2021. He reported a "letter of credit" will be issued tomorrow from First National Bank to cover those expenses. Clerk Pedretti noted a letter of credit was issued for \$45,000 to cover the paving expenses. Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve delaying reconstructing that portion of Castle Mound Road adjacent to the condo plat until 2021 contingent upon receiving the letter of credit for \$84,000. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Town survey: Michaels reported that the current response rate for the Comprehensive Plan survey was small and the Plan Commission recommended sending a mailer to encourage participation. Members reviewed the two quotes provided. Motion by Mieden/J Pedretti to approve spending no more than \$1,000 for a postcard survey for the comprehensive plan. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 11/4/20 meeting: Michaels reviewed the minutes from the Plan Commission's November 4th meeting. Filter highlight the open house information.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire agreement: Michaels explained the agreement has been in the works for quite some time and there were some minor tweaks. Chief Manley noted changes in item #8 (payment schedule adjusted from 4 payments down to twice a year) and suggested amending item #15 (second sentence to include the word "amend"). Discussion followed. Motion by Mieden/J Pedretti to approve the Fire Protection Emergency Service Agreement for the Holmen Area Fire Association with amending #8 to February and August and adding the term "amend" to the second sentence of paragraph #15 and with the title page amended to November 2020. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Report on 10/21/20 meeting: J Pedretti reviewed the minutes of the October 21st meeting.

STORMWATER

Stormwater utility workshop: Michaels reported they held a workshop last evening and Lukasz Lyzwa, GEC Engineer, gave a presentation covering eight areas. He noted the preliminary amount to be collected is around \$65,000 for the first couple of years with adjustments made in the future.

Next steps: Michaels reported the presentation will be posted on our web page and they set the next workshop date for Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m.

2021 BUDGET, NEWSLETTER & FEES

Review 2021 budget: No changes were suggested at the public hearing held earlier in the evening. Motion by Mieden/Filter to approve the Town of Holland budget for 2021 as presented.

2021 fee schedule: Clerk Pedretti noted an addition under "refuse/recycling" of the fee schedule for violations of the ordinance. No other changes suggested. Item will be on next month's agenda as a resolution.

2021 draft newsletter: Members reviewed the draft newsletter and gave input. It was suggested to add a half-sheet, bright colored paper notifying the residents about the cancellation of in-office tax collection and dog license payments due to COVID-19.

COMPOST BINS

Clerk Pedretti explained a request to collaborate with the County recycling group (nine municipalities) to purchase compost bins for \$47 which would be sold to residents to promote composting in our communities. Discussion followed. Motion by Mieden/J Pedretti to approve the purchase of 10 compost bins for the Town which would be resold to constituents. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND BILLS

The October Treasurer’s report and November invoices were reviewed. Motion by Filter/Mieden to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented and to pay the November bills in the amount of \$43,662.68. **MOTION** carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Clerk Pedretti notified the board that she will be out of town the week of Thanksgiving. Items for next meeting: COVID employee policy, open discussion on fire protection, speed sign update, broadband.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mieden/J Pedretti to adjourn. **MOTION** carried. Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn J. Pedretti, Town Clerk